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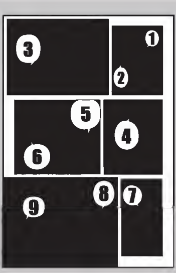
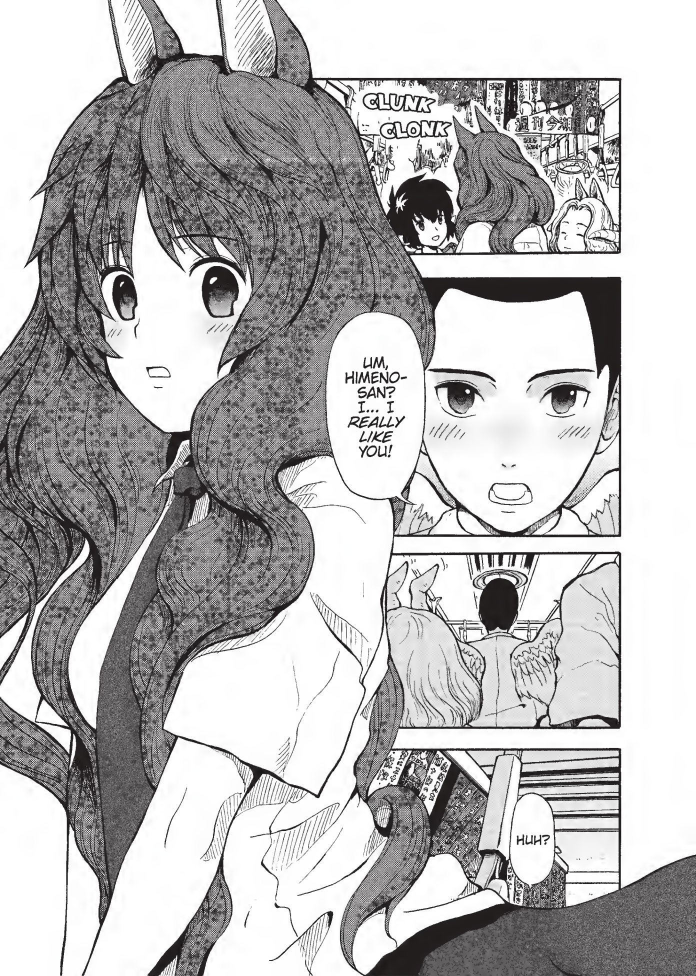
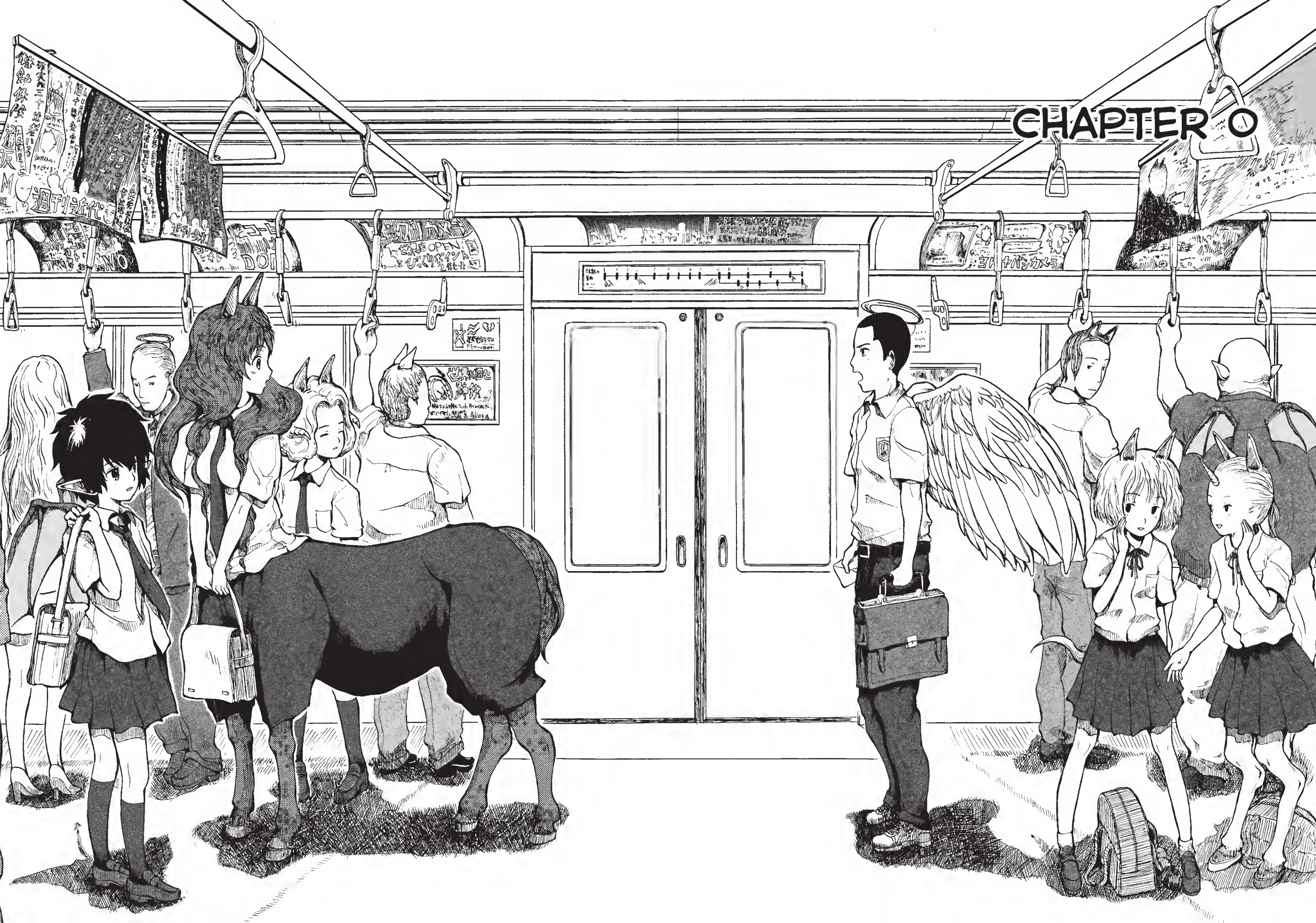
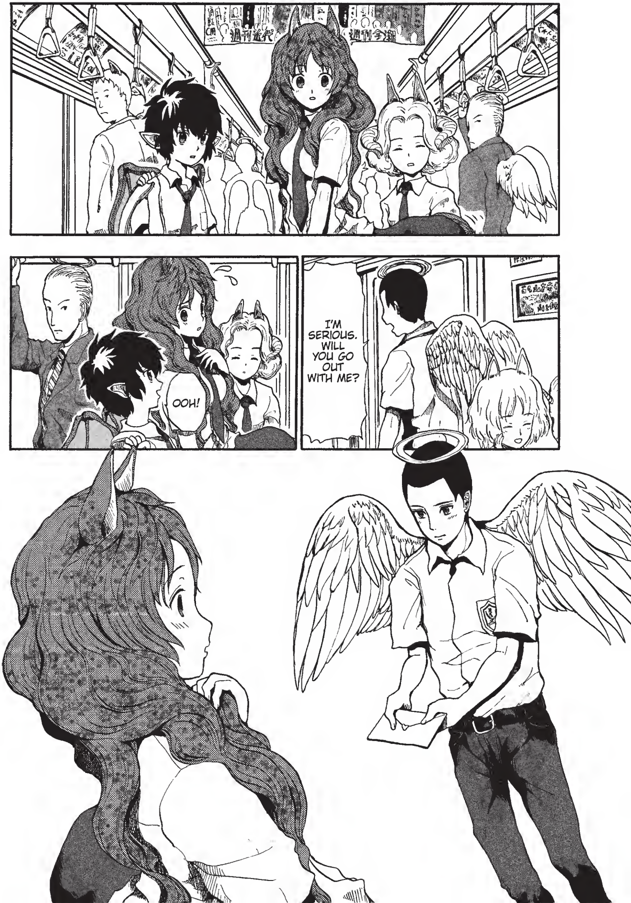
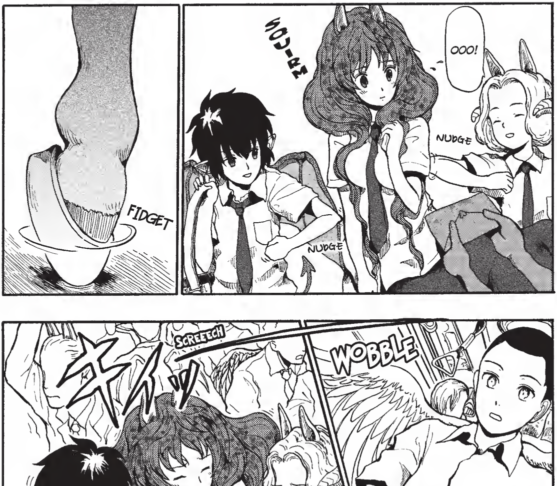


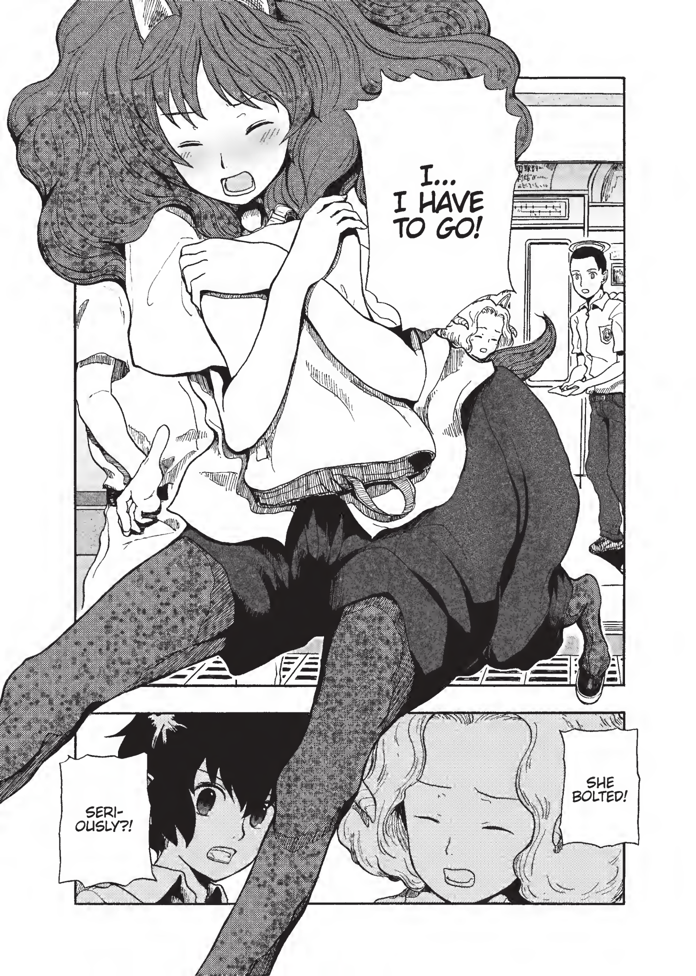

CLUNK
CLONK
UM, HIMENO-SAN? I... I *REALLY* LIKE YOU!
HUH?

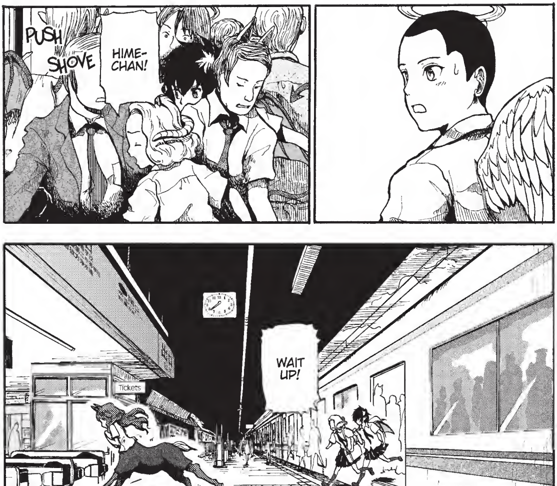
CHAPTER 0




I'M SERIOUS. WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
OOH!


OOO!
NUDGE
SQUIRM
NUDGE
FIDGET
WOBBLE
SCREECH
キィッ
WHOA!
NOW ARRIVING AT FURUKANATA STATION. THE DOORS ON THE LEFT WILL OPEN. PLEASE STAND CLEAR.
PSHH


I... I HAVE TO GO!
SHE BOLTED!
SERI-OUSLY?!


PUSH
SHOVE
HIME-CHAN!
Tickets
WAIT UP!
PREPARING TO DEPART FOR SANZUSE. THE DOORS WILL CLOSE SHORTLY. PLEASE STAND CLEAR.
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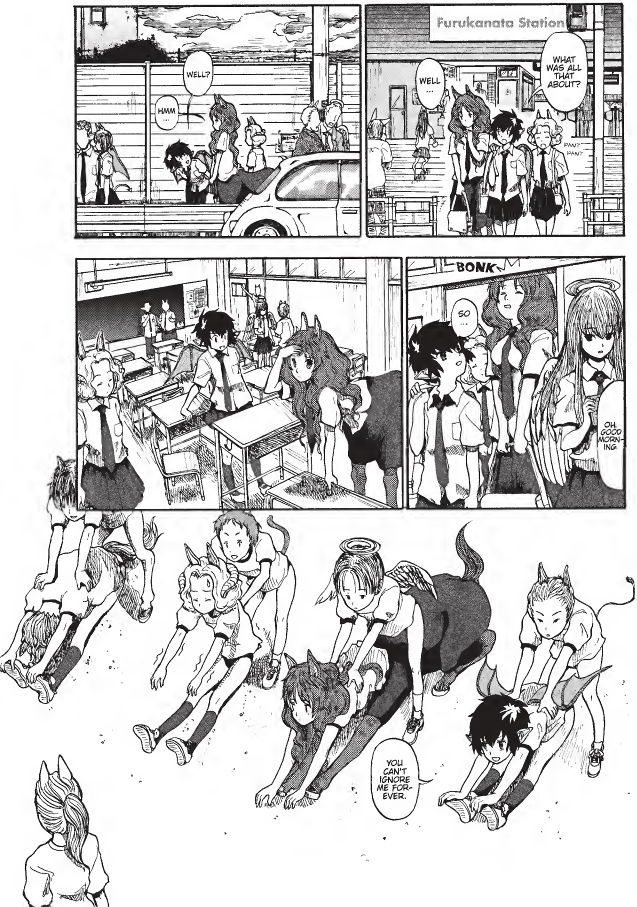
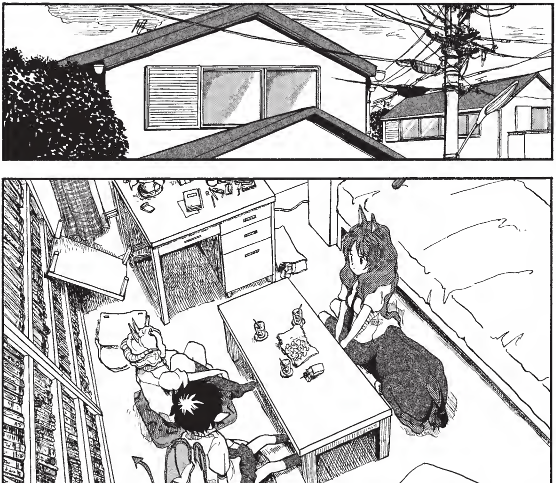
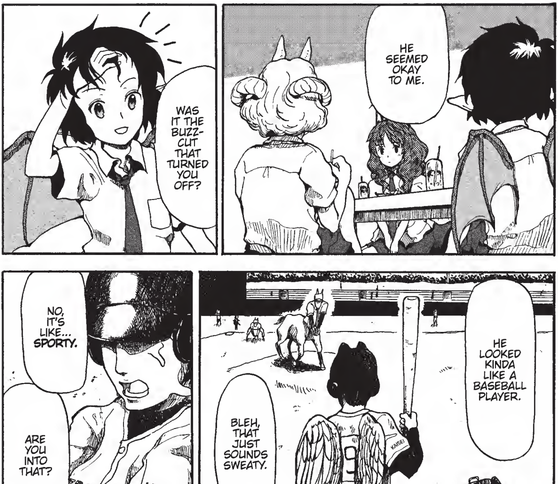
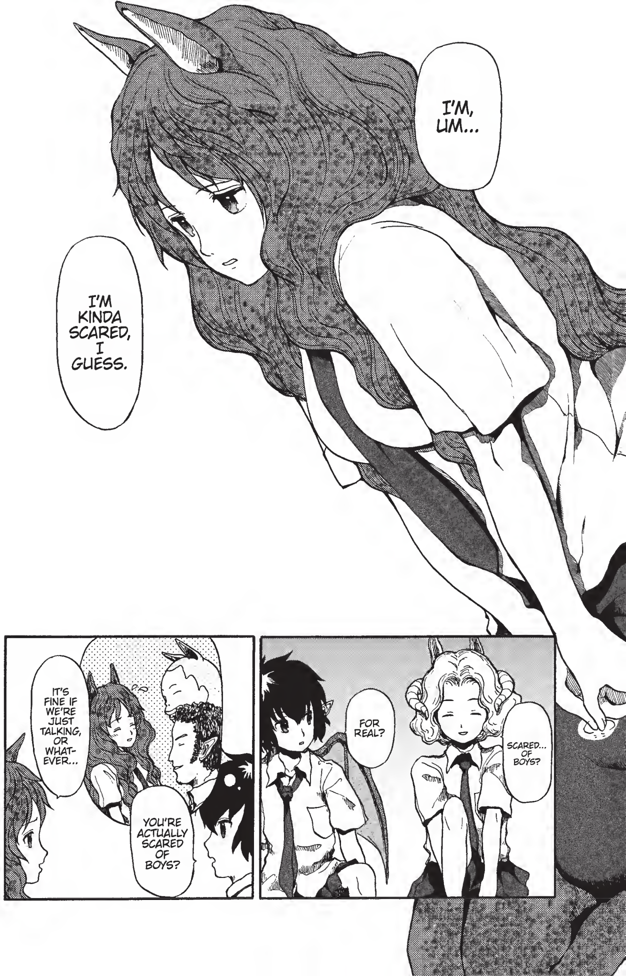
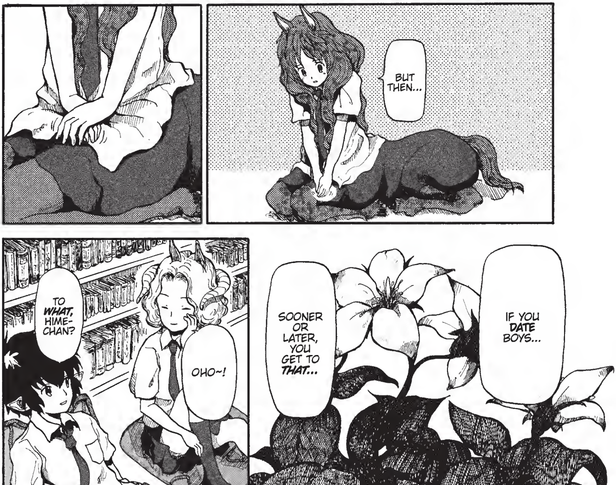
BRIIIIIING
PSHH
プシュー

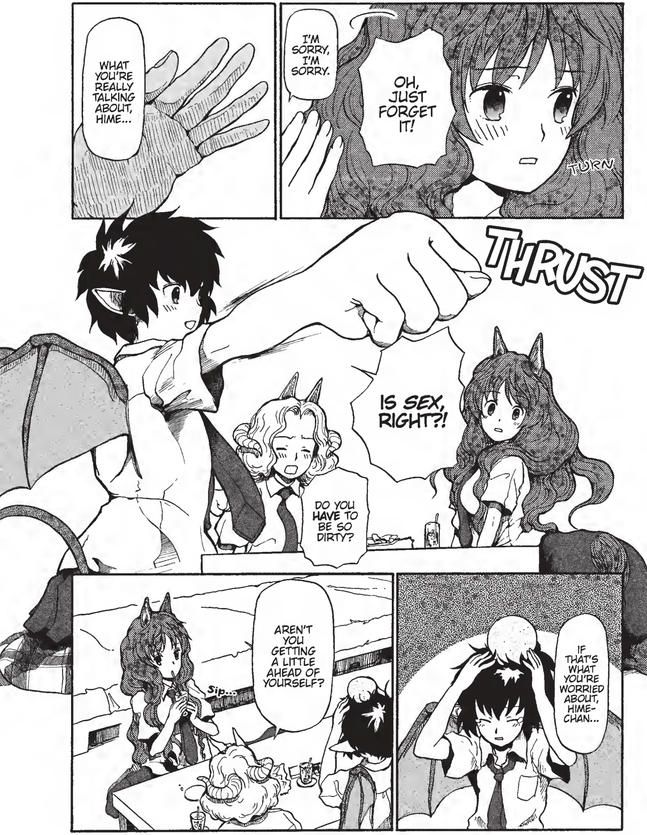

Furukanata Station
WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
WELL...
PANT PANT
WELL?
HMM...
BONK
SO...
OH, GOOD MORNING.
YOU CAN'T IGNORE ME FOREVER.

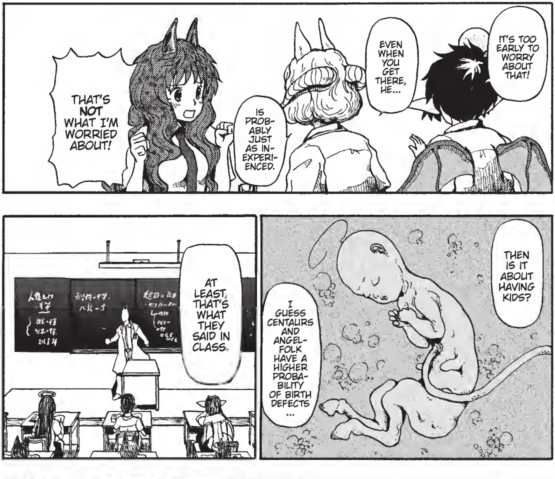

OKAY, SPILL IT. WHY'D YOU RUN?
WE'RE IN YOUR HOUSE, SO IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE WILL HEAR.
SECRET'S SAFE WITH US.


HE SEEMED OKAY TO ME.
WAS IT THE BUZZ-CUT THAT TURNED YOU OFF?
HE LOOKED KINDA LIKE A BASEBALL PLAYER.
BLEH, THAT JUST SOUNDS SWEATY.
KAISEI
NO, IT'S LIKE... **SPORTY.**
ARE YOU INTO THAT?
KAISEI
MY *POINT* IS THAT HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD GUY. SO WHY RUN?


I'M, UM...
I'M KINDA SCARED, I GUESS.
SCARED... OF BOYS?
FOR REAL?
IT'S FINE IF WE'RE JUST TALKING, OR WHATEVER...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY SCARED OF BOYS?


BUT THEN...
IF YOU **DATE** BOYS...
SOONER OR LATER, YOU GET TO ***THAT...***
OHO~!
TO ***WHAT,*** HIME-CHAN?
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...
YOU MEAN LIKE... KISSING?
WE'RE STILL SWEET AND INNOCENT, SO...


OH, JUST FORGET IT!
TURN
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY.
WHAT YOU'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT, HIME...
THRUST
IS *SEX*, RIGHT?!
DO YOU **HAVE** TO BE SO DIRTY?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, HIME-CHAN...
AREN'T YOU GETTING A LITTLE AHEAD OF YOURSELF?
Sip...


IT'S TOO EARLY TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
EVEN WHEN YOU GET THERE, HE...
IS PROBABLY JUST AS INEXPERIENCED.
THAT'S **NOT** WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT!
THEN IS IT ABOUT HAVING KIDS?
I GUESS CENTAURS AND ANGELFOLK HAVE A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF BIRTH DEFECTS...
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID IN CLASS.
BUT EVEN THAT MIGHT BE OKAY...
SINCE THE COUNTRY IMPLEMENTED SAFEGUARDS FOR BIRTH.
GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICES OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
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Protecting Equali
Services for All Cit
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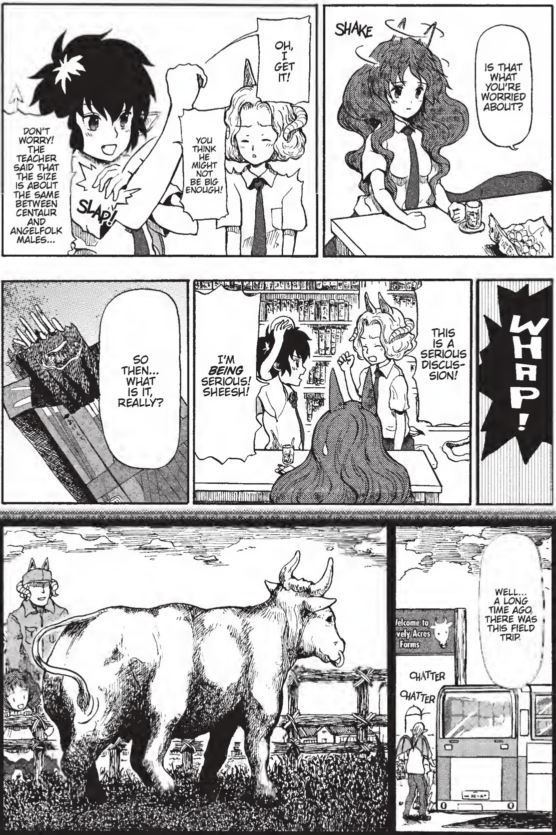
SHAKE
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?
OH, I GET IT!
YOU THINK HE MIGHT NOT BE BIG ENOUGH!
SLAP!
DON'T WORRY! THE TEACHER SAID THAT THE SIZE IS ABOUT THE SAME BETWEEN CENTAUR AND ANGELFOLK MALES...
WHAP!
THIS IS A SERIOUS DISCUSSION!
I'M *BEING* SERIOUS! SHEESH!
SO THEN... WHAT IS IT, REALLY?
WELL... A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS THIS FIELD TRIP.
Welcome to
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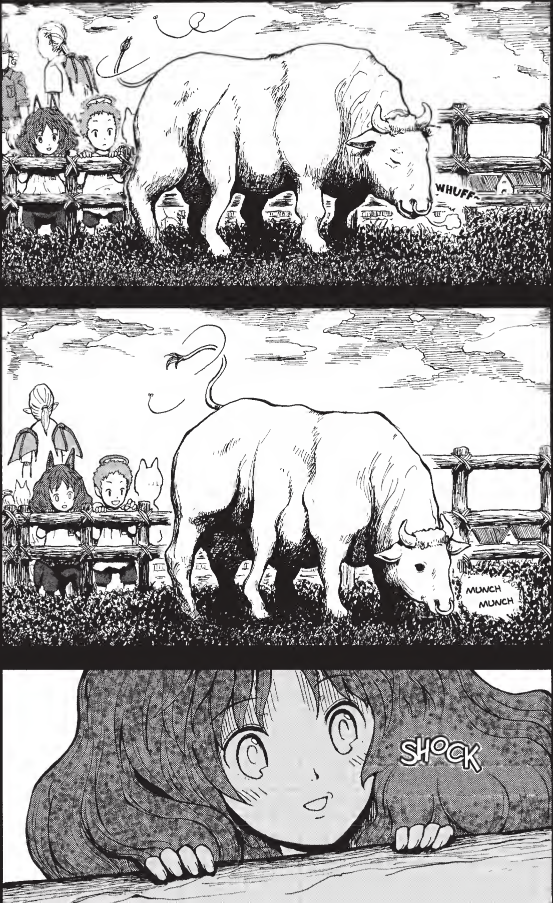
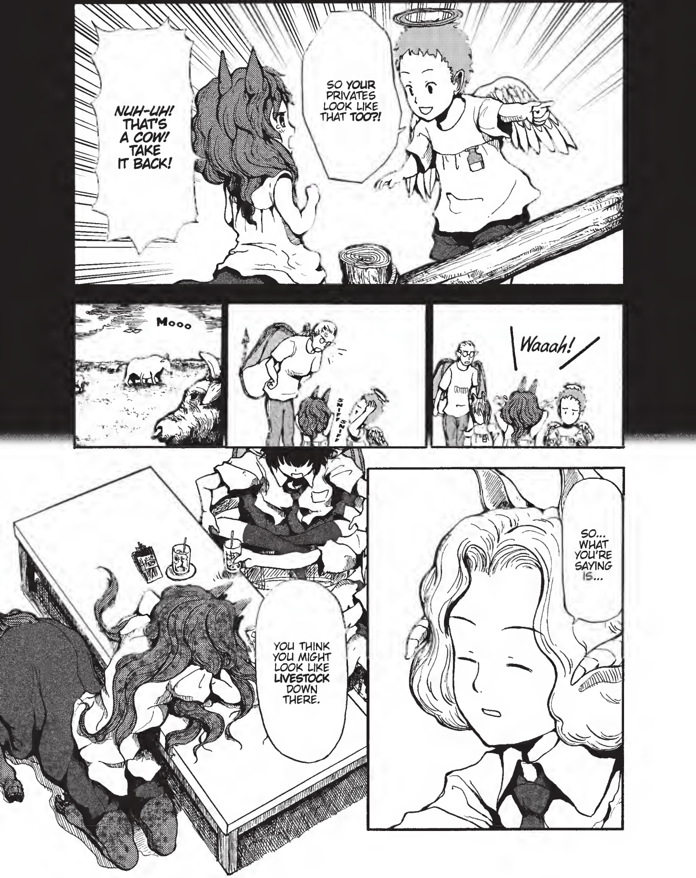
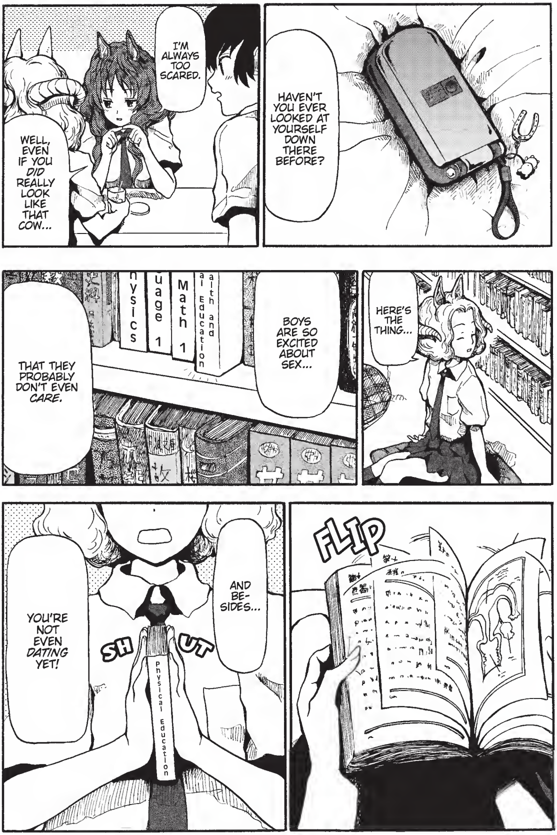
Forms
CHATTER
CHATTER


WHUFF~
MUNCH
MUNCH
SHOCK


SO YOUR PRIVATES LOOK LIKE THAT TOO?!
NUH-UH! THAT'S A COW! TAKE IT BACK!
Waaah!
SNIFF SNIFF
Mooo
SO... WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...
YOU THINK YOU MIGHT LOOK LIKE LIVESTOCK DOWN THERE.


HAVEN'T YOU EVER LOOKED AT YOURSELF DOWN THERE BEFORE?
I'M ALWAYS TOO SCARED.
WELL, EVEN IF YOU *DID* REALLY LOOK LIKE THAT COW...
HERE'S THE THING...
BOYS ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT SEX...
THAT THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN *CARE.*
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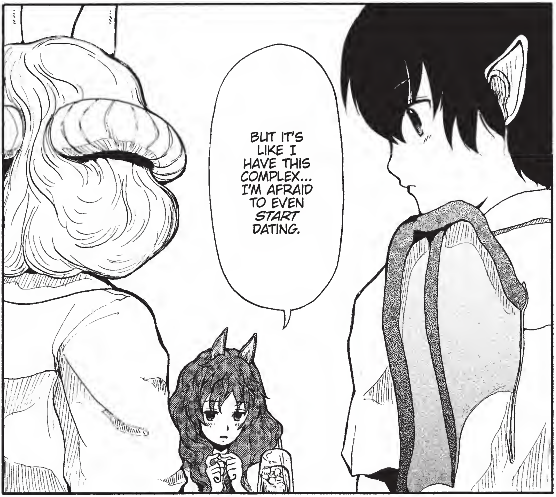
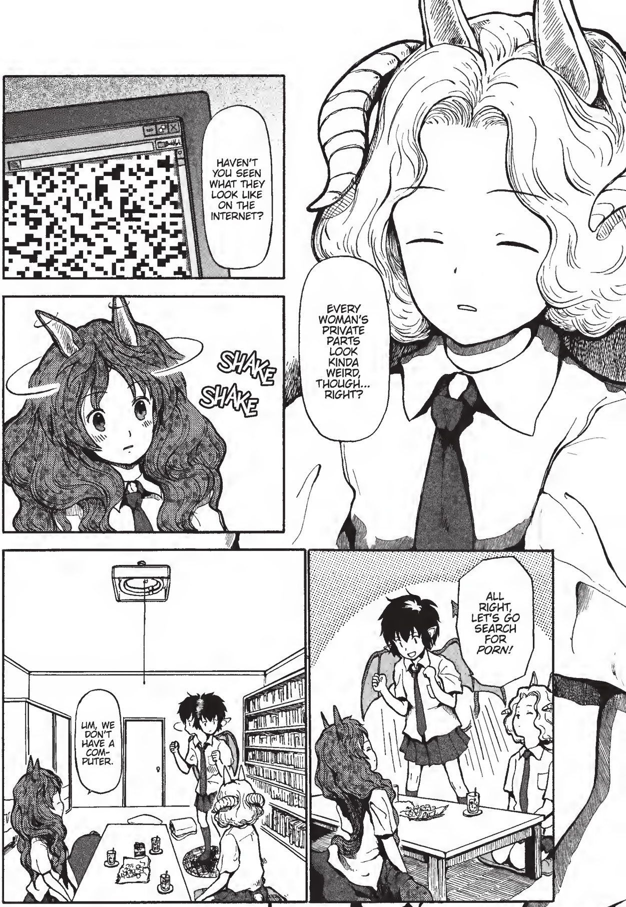
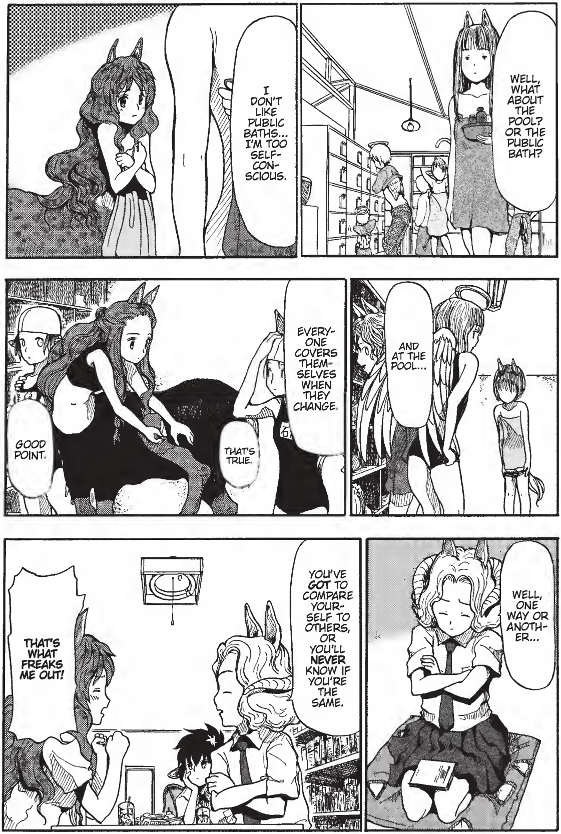
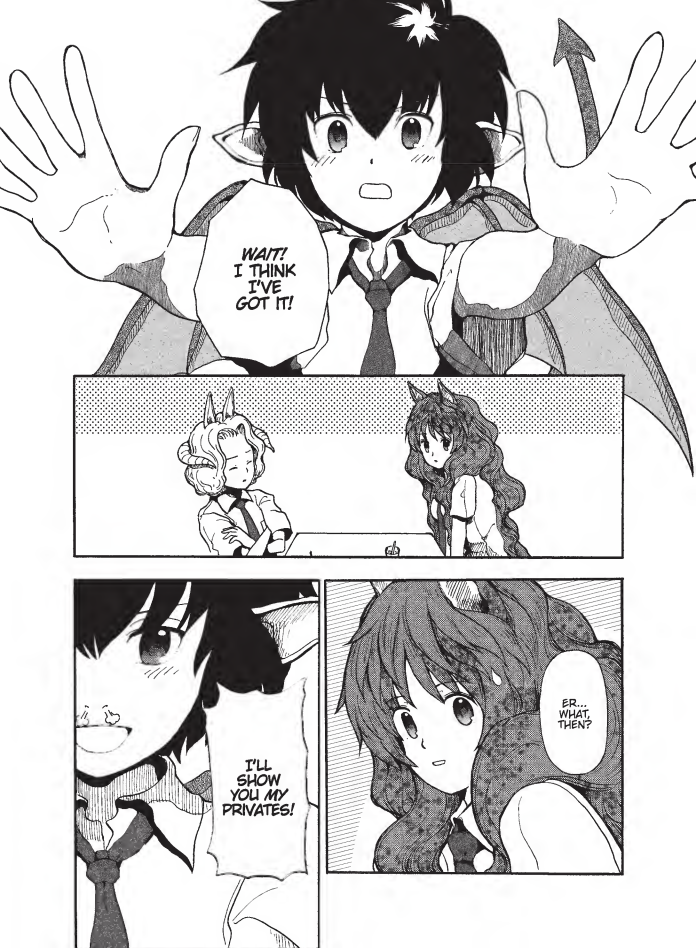
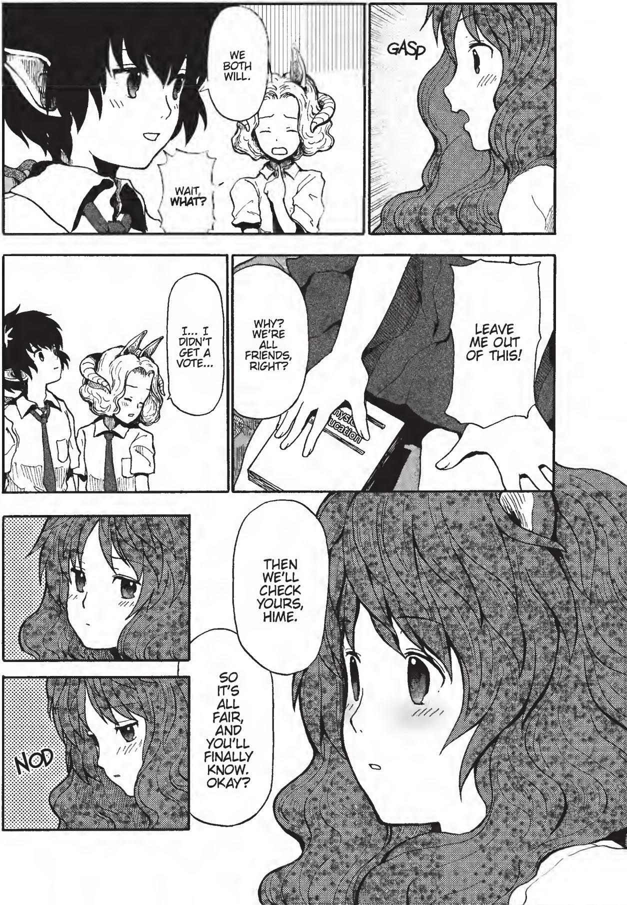
FLIP
AND BE-SIDES...
YOU'RE NOT EVEN *DATING* YET!
SHUT
Physical Education

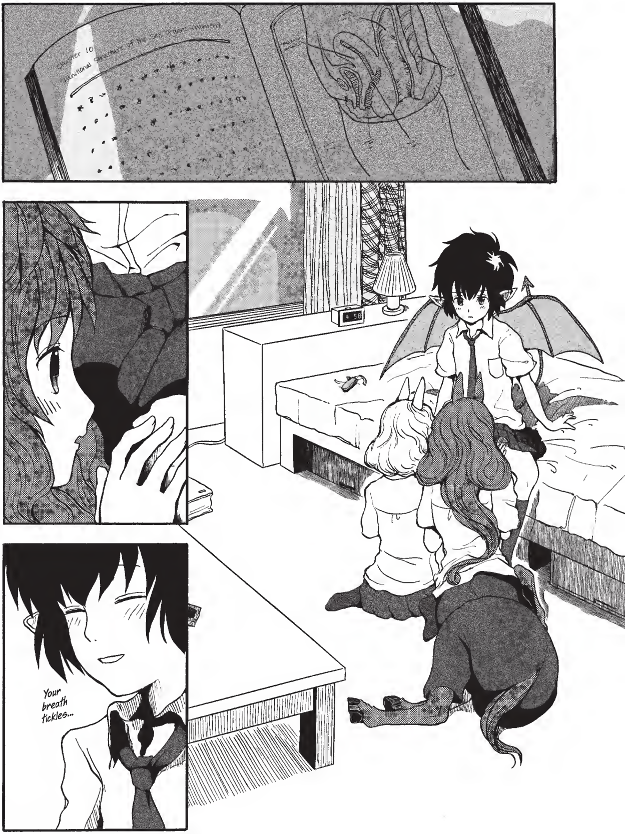

BUT IT'S LIKE I HAVE THIS COMPLEX... I'M AFRAID TO EVEN *START* DATING.
Physical Education
YOU'VE GOTTA GET OVER THIS.


EVERY WOMAN'S PRIVATE PARTS LOOK KINDA WEIRD, THOUGH... RIGHT?
HAVEN'T YOU SEEN WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE ON THE INTERNET?
SHAKE
SHAKE
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO SEARCH FOR *PORN!*
UM, WE DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER.


WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE POOL? OR THE PUBLIC BATH?
I DON'T LIKE PUBLIC BATHS... I'M TOO SELF-CONSCIOUS.
AND AT THE POOL...
EVERYONE COVERS THEMSELVES WHEN THEY CHANGE.
THAT'S TRUE.
GOOD POINT.
WELL, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
YOU'VE **GOT** TO COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS, OR YOU'LL **NEVER** KNOW IF YOU'RE THE SAME.
THAT'S WHAT FREAKS ME OUT!


WAIT! I THINK I'VE GOT IT!
ER... WHAT, THEN?
I'LL SHOW YOU MY PRIVATES!


GASP
WE BOTH WILL.
WAIT, WHAT?
LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS!
WHY? WE'RE ALL FRIENDS, RIGHT?
I... I DIDN'T GET A VOTE...
THEN WE'LL CHECK YOURS, HIME.
SO IT'S ALL FAIR, AND YOU'LL FINALLY KNOW. OKAY?
NOD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Functional Structure of the Sex Organs (women)
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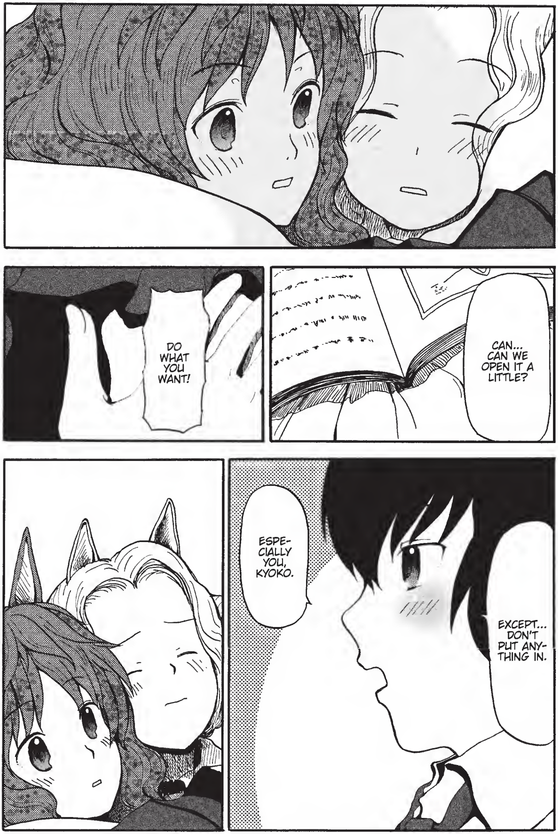
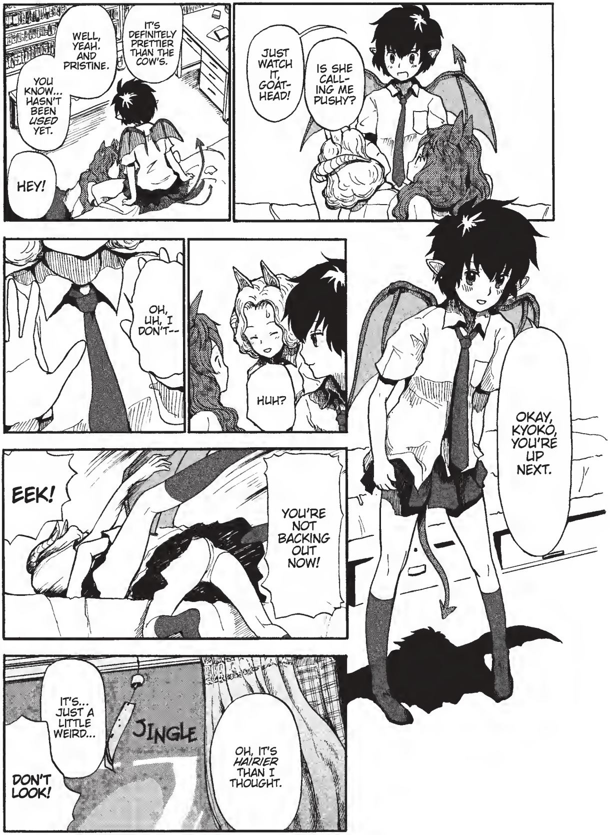
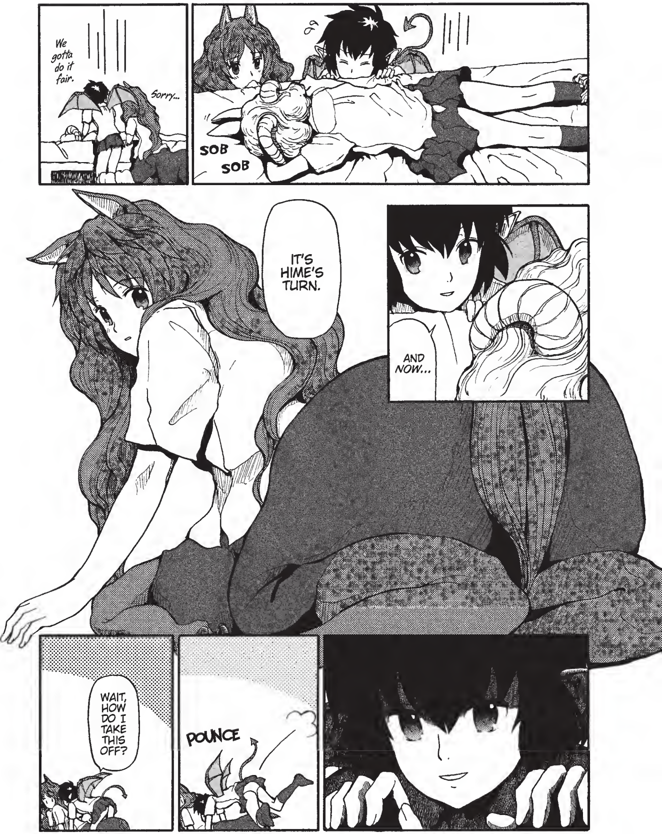
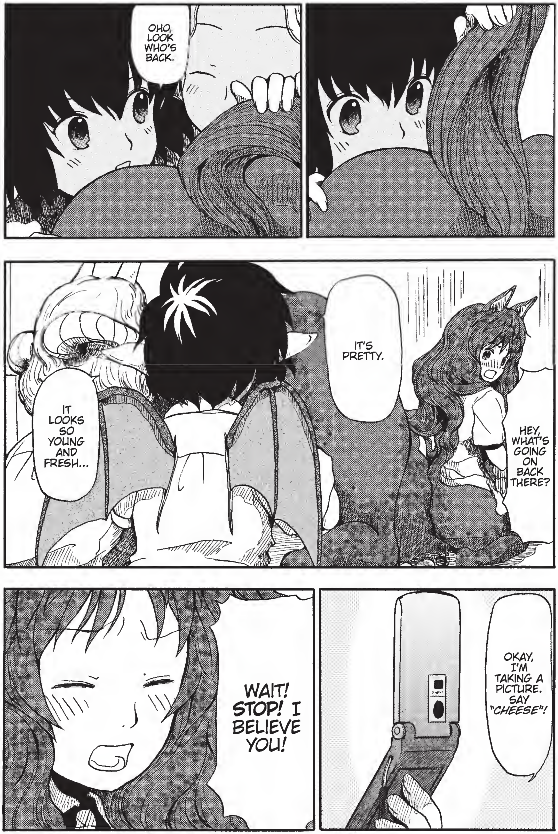
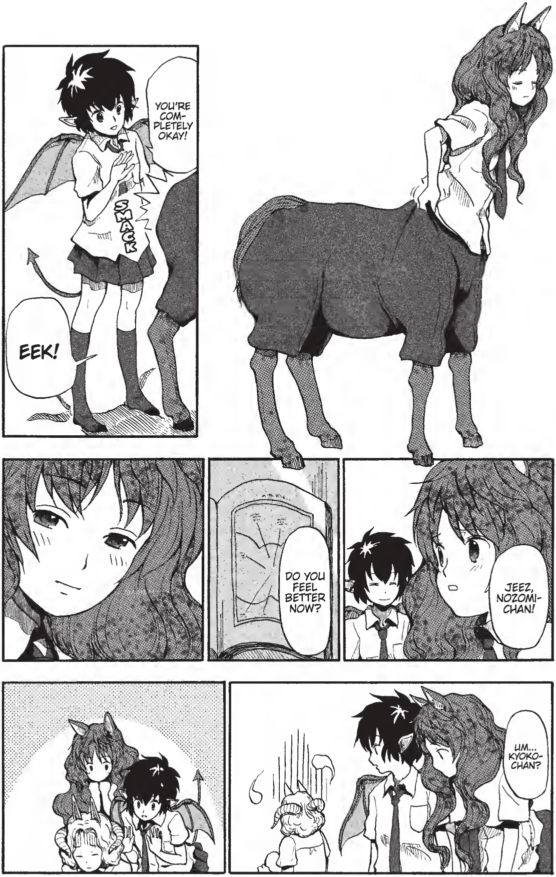
Your breath tickles...

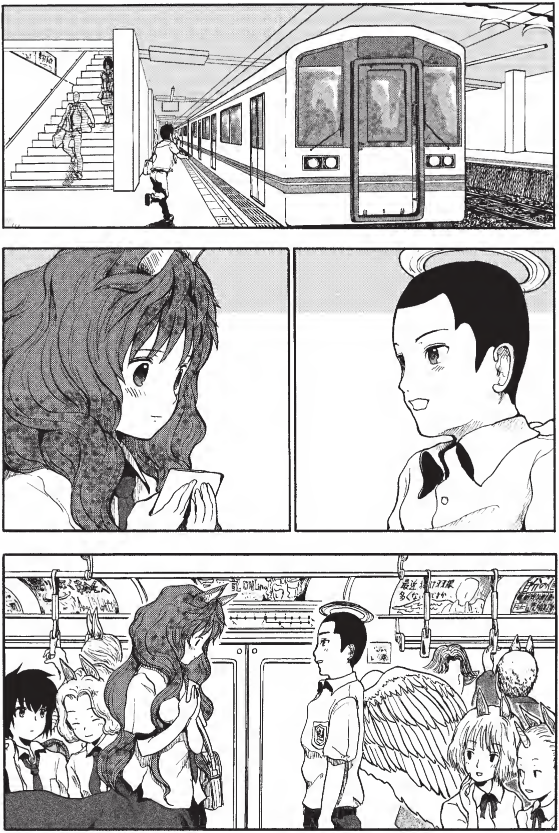

CAN... CAN WE OPEN IT A LITTLE?
DO WHAT YOU WANT!
EXCEPT... DON'T PUT ANYTHING IN.
ESPECIALLY YOU, KYOKO.

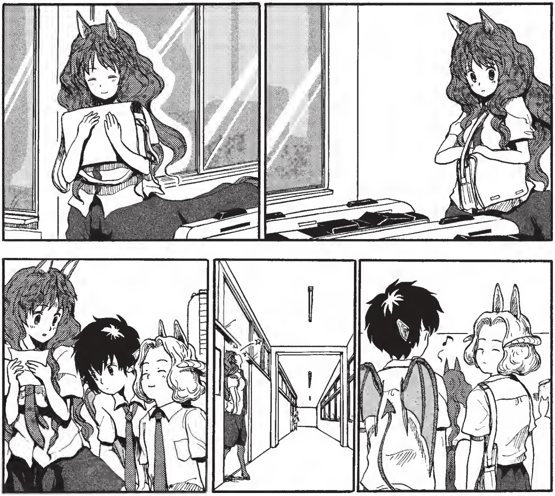

IS SHE CALLING ME PUSHY?
JUST WATCH IT, GOAT-HEAD!
IT'S DEFINITELY PRETTIER THAN THE COW'S.
WELL, YEAH. AND PRISTINE.
YOU KNOW... HASN'T BEEN *USED* YET.
HEY!
OKAY, KYOKO, YOU'RE UP NEXT.
HUH?
OH, UH, I DON'T--
YOU'RE NOT BACKING OUT NOW!
EEK!
OH, IT'S *HAIRIER* THAN I THOUGHT.
JINGLE
IT'S... JUST A LITTLE WEIRD...
DON'T LOOK!

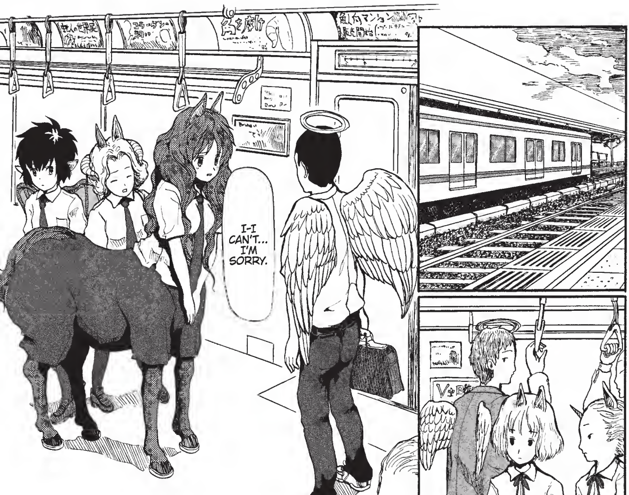

We gotta do it fair.
Sorry...
SOB SOB
IT'S HIME'S TURN.
AND NOW...
WAIT, HOW DO I TAKE THIS OFF?
POUNCE

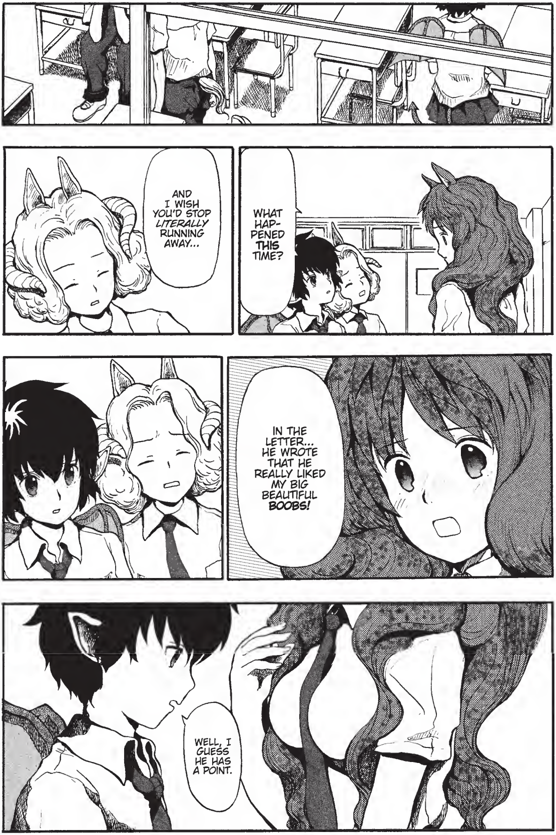

OHO, LOOK WHO'S BACK.
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE?
IT'S PRETTY.
IT LOOKS SO YOUNG AND FRESH...
OKAY, I'M TAKING A PICTURE. SAY "CHEESE"!
WAIT! STOP! I BELIEVE YOU!


YOU'RE COMPLETELY OKAY!
SMACK
EEK!
JEEZ, NOZOMI-CHAN!
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
UM... KYOKO-CHAN?


ONLine
最近抜け羽根
多くないですか




I-I CAN'T... I'M SORRY.
TURN
Furuka
WHAT NOW?!
DASH


WHAT HAPPENED **THIS** TIME?
AND I WISH YOU'D STOP *LITERALLY* RUNNING AWAY...
IN THE LETTER... HE WROTE THAT HE REALLY LIKED MY BIG BEAUTIFUL **BOOBS!**
WELL, I GUESS HE HAS A POINT.

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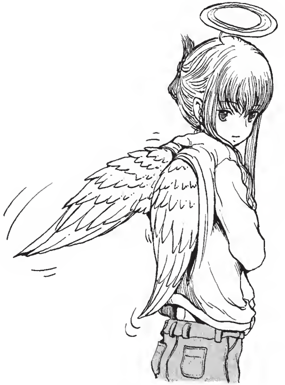
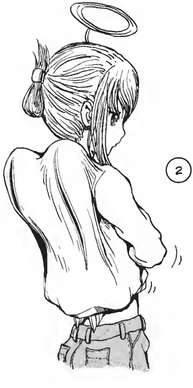
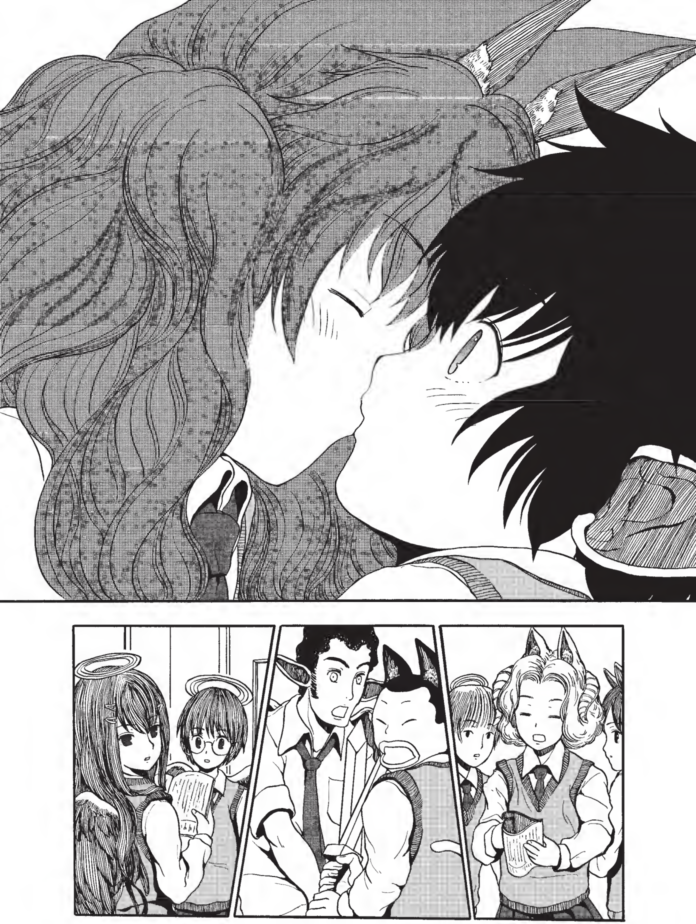
HOW ANGELFOLK UNDRESS

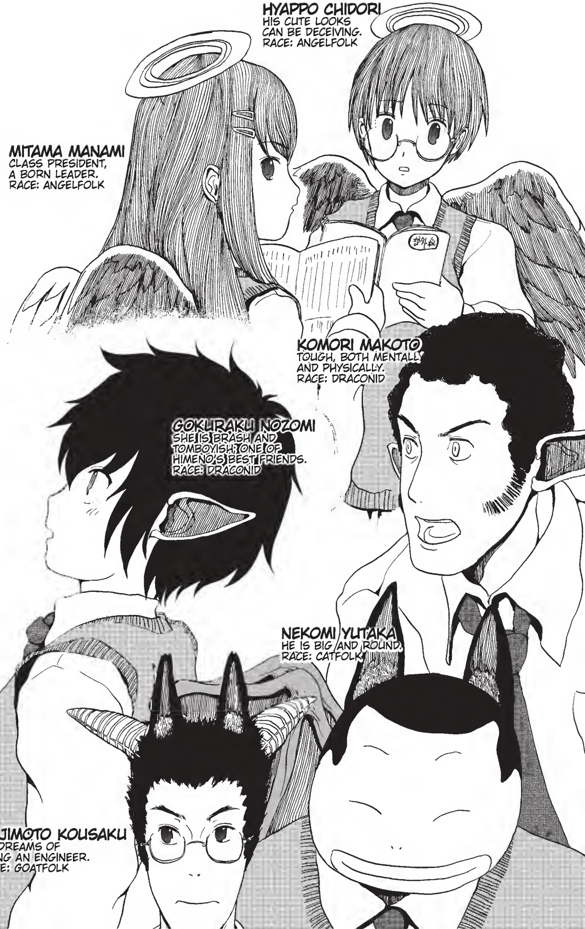


① PULL WINGS IN THROUGH SLITS

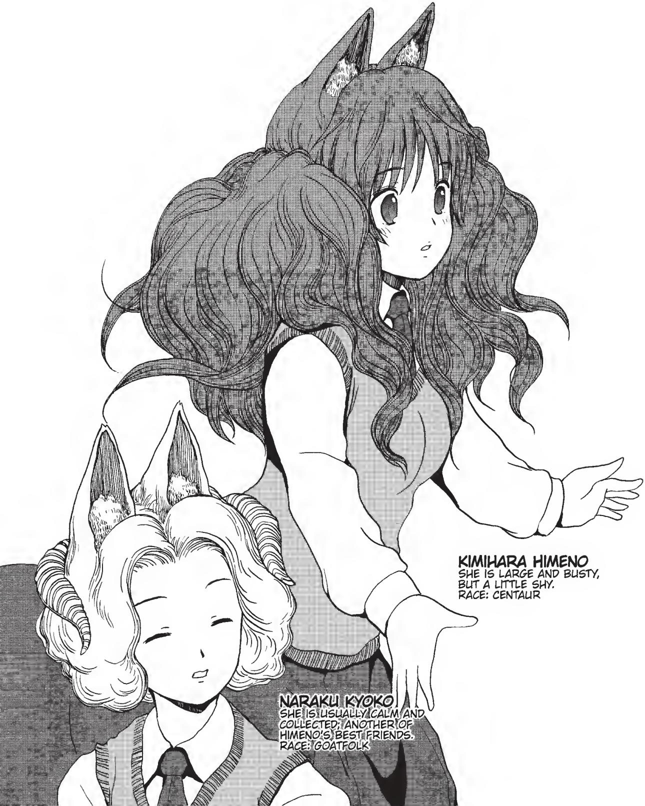


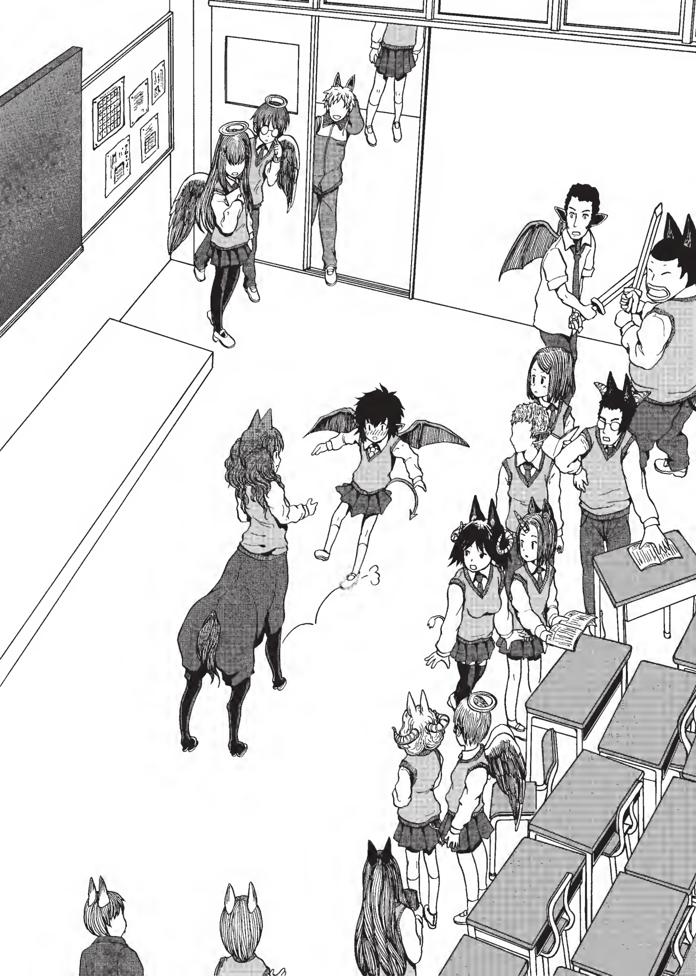
② REMOVE CLOTHING

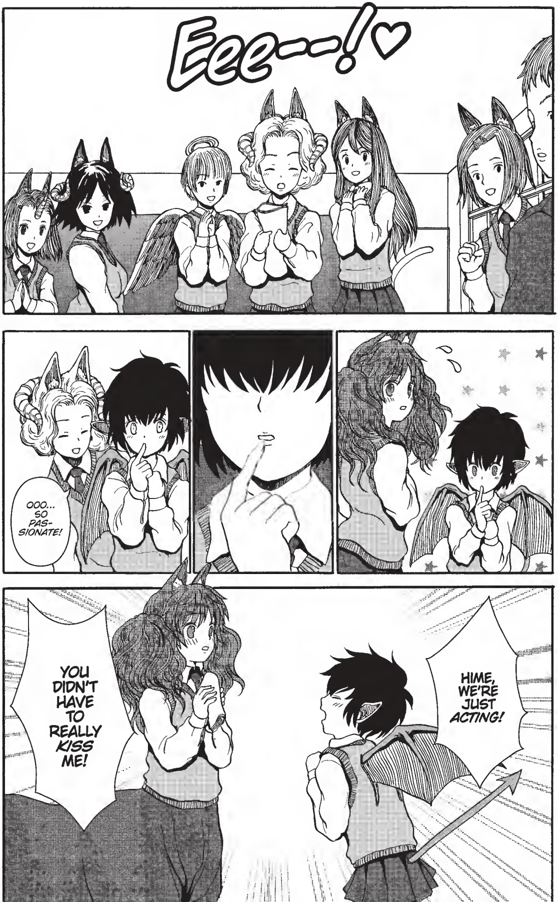


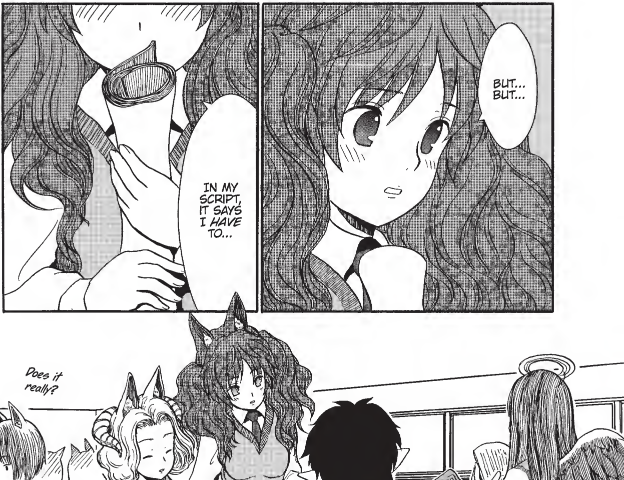

HYAPPO CHIDORI
HIS CUTE LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING. RACE: ANGELFOLK
MITAMA MANAMI
CLASS PRESIDENT, A BORN LEADER. RACE: ANGELFOLK
KOMORI MAKOTO
TOUGH, BOTH MENTALL AND PHYSICALLY. RACE: DRACONID
GOKURAKU NOZOMI
SHE IS BRASH AND TOMBOYISH; ONE OF HIMENO'S BEST FRIENDS. RACE: DRACONID
NEKOMI YUTAKA
HE IS BIG AND ROUND. RACE: CATFOLK
FUJIMOTO KOUSAKU
HE DREAMS OF BEING AN ENGINEER. RACE: GOATFOLK

CHAPTER 1


KIMIHARA HIMENO
SHE IS LARGE AND BUSTY, BUT A LITTLE SHY.
RACE: CENTAUR
NARAKU KYOKO
SHE IS USUALLY CALM AND COLLECTED, ANOTHER OF HIMENO'S BEST FRIENDS.
RACE: GOATFOLK




Eee--!♡
OOO... SO PASSIONATE!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO REALLY *KISS* ME!
HIME, WE'RE JUST *ACTING!*


BUT... BUT...
IN MY SCRIPT, IT SAYS I *HAVE* TO...
Does it really?
I dunno.
THIS... THIS PART IS HAND-WRITTEN!
~~PRETEND TO~~ KISS.
*You must really do it.
(No matter what!)

AT DAWN, I MUST RETURN TO THE SEA TO THE DARK AND COLD NORTHERN NIGHT SEA MY LONELY AND FROZEN HEART CAN ONLY BE MELTED BY YOURS. I LOVE YOU EVEN IF IT MEANT THE WORLD WOULD CRUMBLE.

(THE PRINCE HOLDS THE PRINCESS AND KISSES HER.)

(SCENE CHANGE)

QUEEN: SERVANTS, TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE WEDDING. THE PRINCESS'S HUSBAND-TO-BE IS A GREAT FOREIGN MAN WITH A LARGE ARMY. WE MUST NOT DISPLEASE HIM. WAKE THE PRINCESS AND PREPARE HER QUICKLY. ADORN HER WITH OUR BEST CROWN AND NECKLACE, DRESS HER IN THE GARMENTS WE OBTAINED FROM CONSTANTINOPLE AND THEN! AND THEN!

SERVANT 1: YOUR MAJESTY! TERRIBLE NEWS!

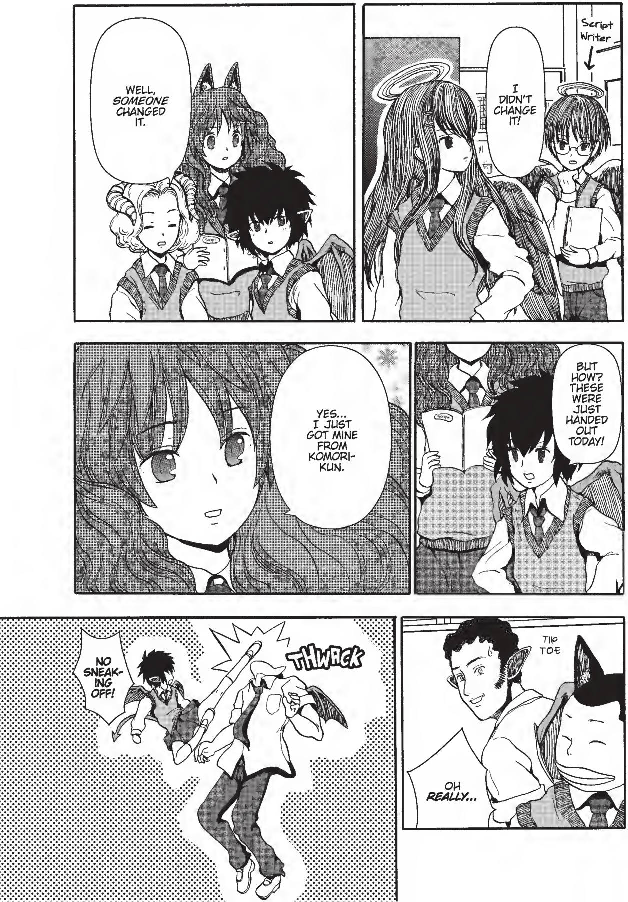
QUEEN: SUCH A RUCKUS. WHAT IS IT?

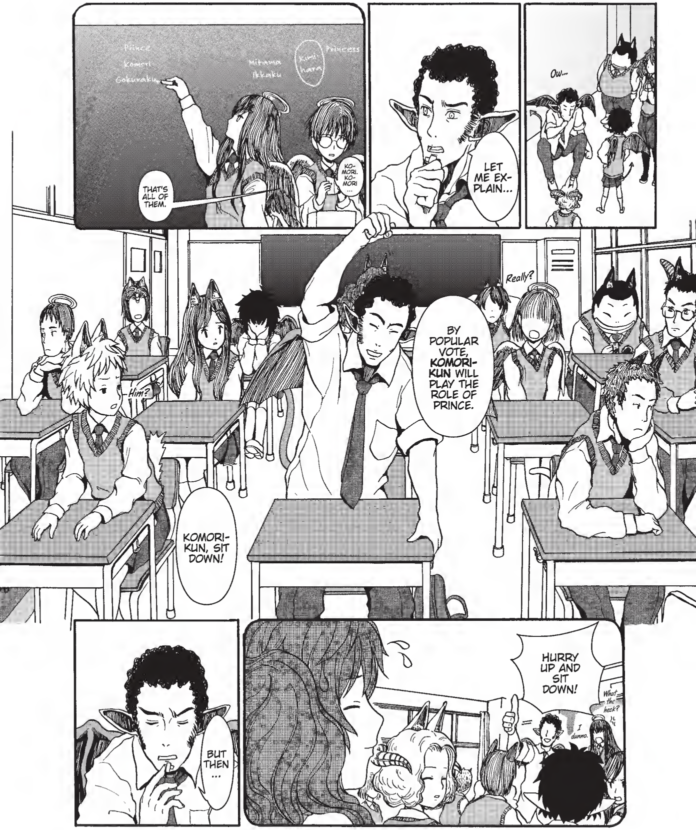
SERVANT 1: THE PRINCESS HAS DISAPPEARED!

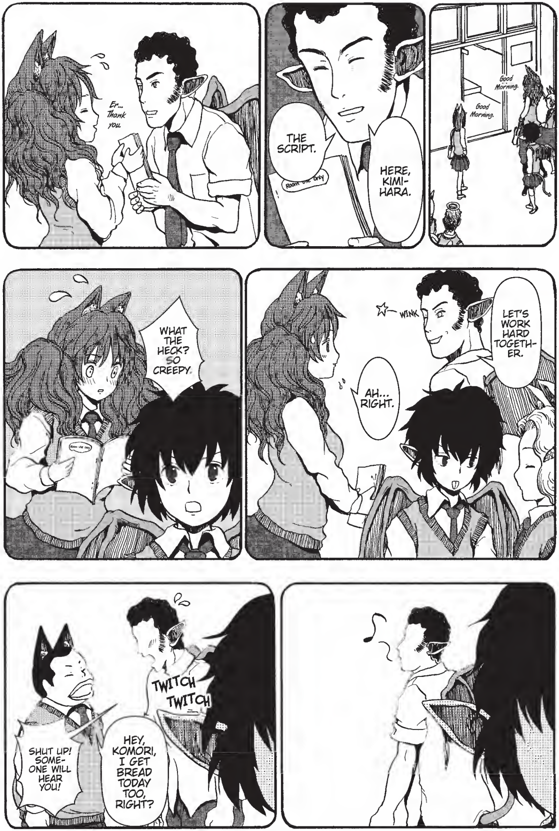
~~PRETEND TO~~ KISS.

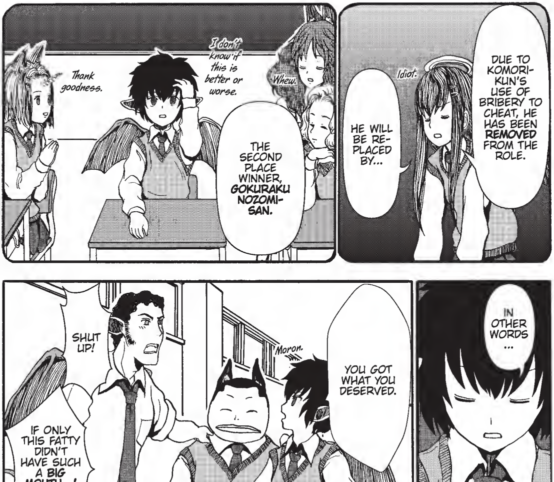
*You must really do it.

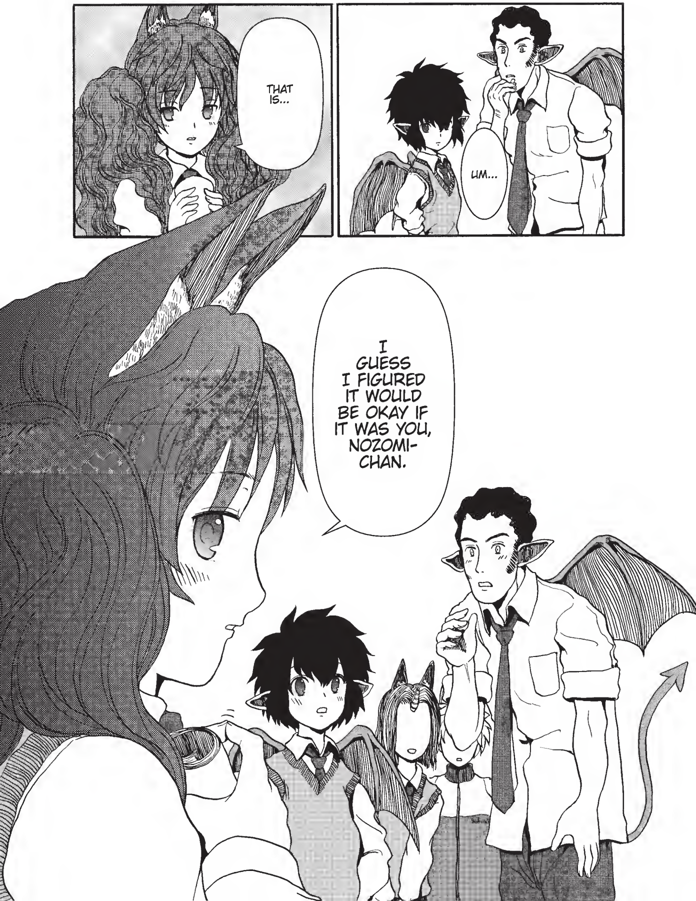
(No matter what!)

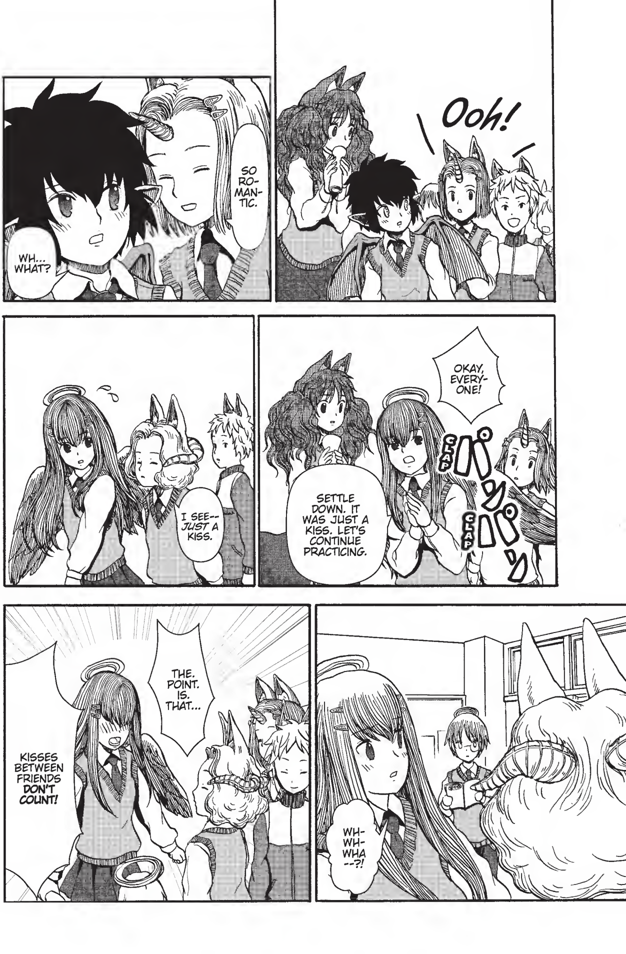

Script Writer
I DIDN'T CHANGE IT!
WELL, *SOMEONE* CHANGED IT.
Script
BUT HOW? THESE WERE JUST HANDED OUT TODAY!
Script
YES... I JUST GOT MINE FROM KOMORI-KUN.
TIP TOE
OH *REALLY...*
THWACK
NO SNEAKING OFF!

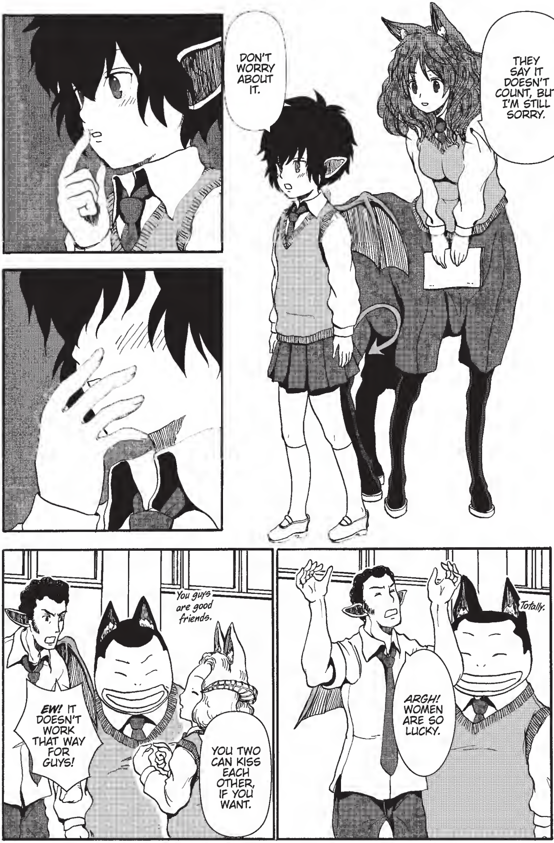

Prince
Komori
Gokuraku
Princess
Mitama
Akkaku
Kimihara
THAT'S ALL OF THEM.
KO-MORI. KO-MORI...
LET ME EXPLAIN...
Ow...
BY POPULAR VOTE, **KOMORI-KUN** WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF PRINCE.
Really?
Him?
KOMORI-KUN, SIT DOWN!
BUT THEN...
HURRY UP AND SIT DOWN!
What the heck?
I dunno.

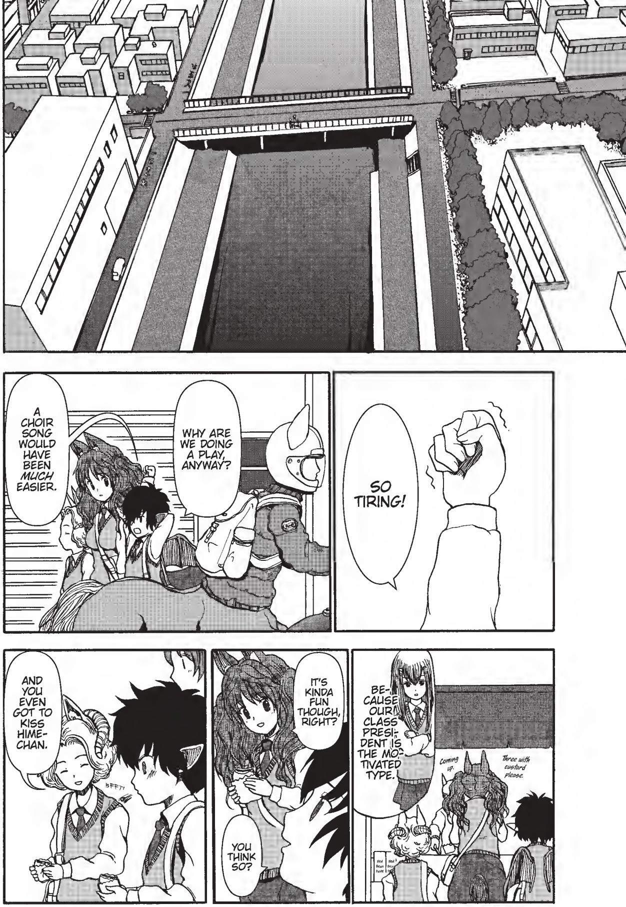

Good Morning.
Good Morning.
HERE, KIMIHARA.
THE SCRIPT.
Room Use Only
Er... Thank you.
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER.
WINK
AH... RIGHT.
WHAT THE HECK? SO CREEPY.
Room Use Only
TWITCH TWITCH
HEY, KOMORI, I GET BREAD TODAY TOO, RIGHT?
SHUT UP! SOMEONE WILL HEAR YOU!

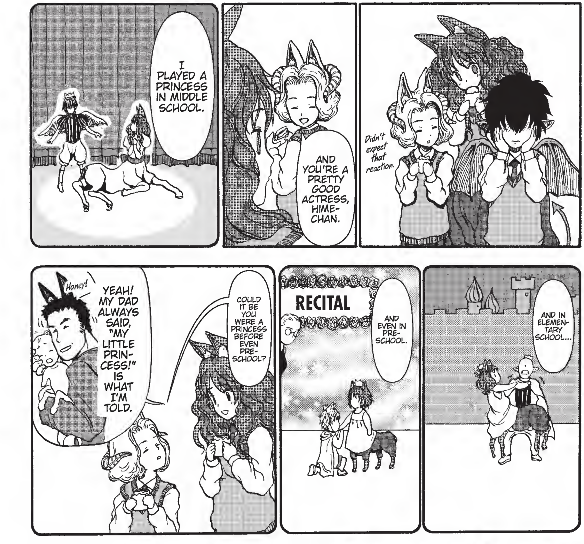

DUE TO KOMORI-KUN'S USE OF BRIBERY TO CHEAT, HE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ROLE.
HE WILL BE REPLACED BY...
Idiot.
THE SECOND PLACE WINNER, GOKURAKU NOZOMI-SAN.
Whew.
I don't know if this is better or worse.
Thank goodness.
IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED.
Moron.
SHUT UP!
IF ONLY THIS FATTY DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A BIG MOUTH...!
AND YOU, HIME...
WERE YOU REALLY PLANNING ON KISSING KOMORI!?
AH--!

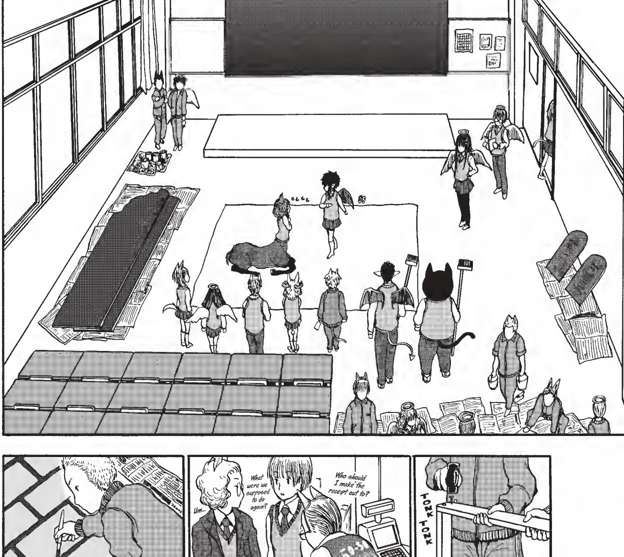

UM...
THAT IS...
I GUESS I FIGURED IT WOULD BE OKAY IF IT WAS YOU, NOZOMI-CHAN.

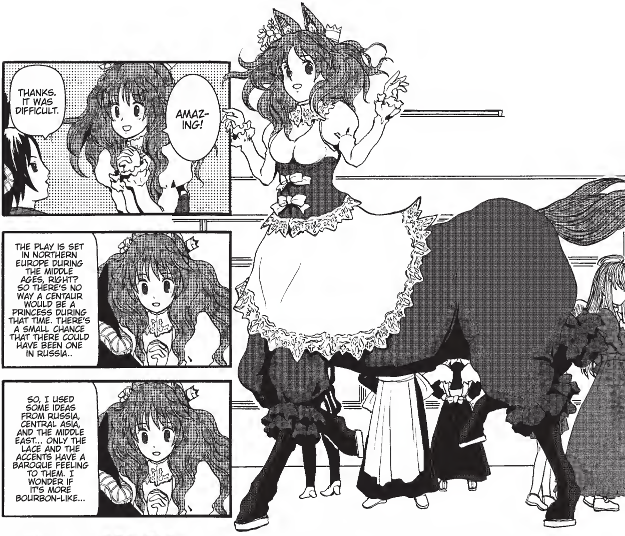

Ooh!
So romantic.
Wh... what?
Okay, everyone!
Settle down. It was just a kiss. Let's continue practicing.
CLAP パン
CLAP パン
I see--*just* a kiss.
Wh-wh-wha--?!
The. Point. Is. That...
Kisses between friends **don't count!**

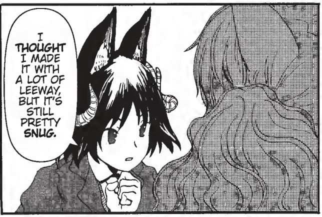

THEY SAY IT DOESN'T COUNT, BUT I'M STILL SORRY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
Totally.
ARGH! WOMEN ARE SO LUCKY.
You guys are good friends.
YOU TWO CAN KISS EACH OTHER, IF YOU WANT.
EW! IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY FOR GUYS!

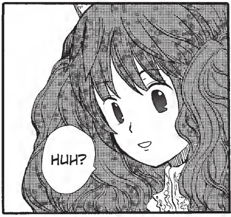

SO TIRING!
WHY ARE WE DOING A PLAY, ANYWAY?
A CHOIR SONG WOULD HAVE BEEN *MUCH* EASIER.
BECAUSE OUR CLASS PRESIDENT IS THE MOTIVATED TYPE.
Three with custard please.
Coming up.
IT'S KINDA FUN THOUGH, RIGHT?
YOU THINK SO?
AND YOU EVEN GOT TO KISS HIME-CHAN.
BFFT!

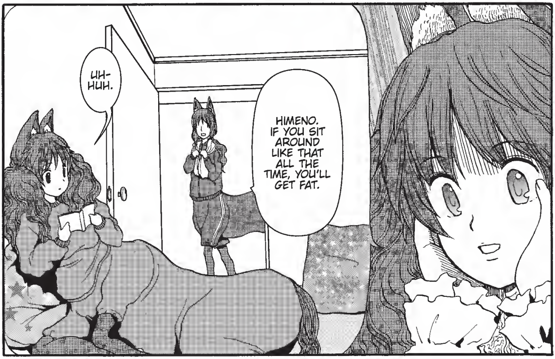

Didn't expect that reaction.
AND YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD ACTRESS, HIME-CHAN.
I PLAYED A PRINCESS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
AND IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
RECITAL
AND EVEN IN PRESCHOOL.
COULD IT BE YOU WERE A PRINCESS BEFORE EVEN PRESCHOOL?
YEAH! MY DAD ALWAYS SAID, "MY LITTLE PRINCESS!" IS WHAT I'M TOLD.
Honey!
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE MY NICKNAME MEANS "PRINCESS" IN JAPANESE?
Honestly, I'm okay with being townsperson A.
NO, IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR LOOKS AND PERSONALITY.
WAIT, WAS THAT SOME OFFHANDED BRAGGING JUST NOW...?

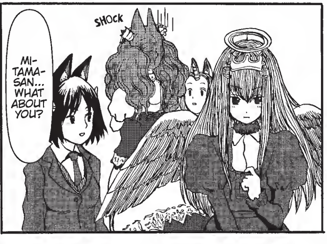

TONK TONK
Who should I make the receipt out to?
What were we supposed to do again?
Um...
HEY. LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE COMING ALONG NICELY.
THE COSTUMES ARE ALMOST FINISHED, SO LET'S DO A FINAL FITTING.

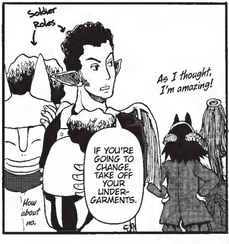

AMAZ-ING!
THANKS. IT WAS DIFFICULT.
THE PLAY IS SET IN NORTHERN EUROPE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES, RIGHT? SO THERE'S NO WAY A CENTAUR WOULD BE A PRINCESS DURING THAT TIME. THERE'S A SMALL CHANCE THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN ONE IN RUSSIA..
SO, I USED SOME IDEAS FROM RUSSIA, CENTRAL ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST... ONLY THE LACE AND THE ACCENTS HAVE A BAROQUE FEELING TO THEM. I WONDER IF IT'S MORE BOURBON-LIKE...
WELL...THE SCRIPTWRITERS PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE THINKING WHEN THEY PLACED THE SETTING IN NORTHERN EUROPE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES, SO I PROBABLY DON'T HAVE TO BE SO DETAILED.
BUT THAT'S THE VERY REASON WHY I WANT TO BRING A GREATER LEVEL OF REALITY TO IT.
...AND THAT'S WHY THE SOLDIERS' COSTUMES ARE INFLUENCED BY FRANCE AFTER THE LIBERATION... OH...BUT I USED A FASTENER...
SHE'S A HISTORY AND COSTUME GEEK. THIS TALK COULD TAKE ALL DAY.
You need to brush it back neatly.
SHWIP
SHWIP
BUT...

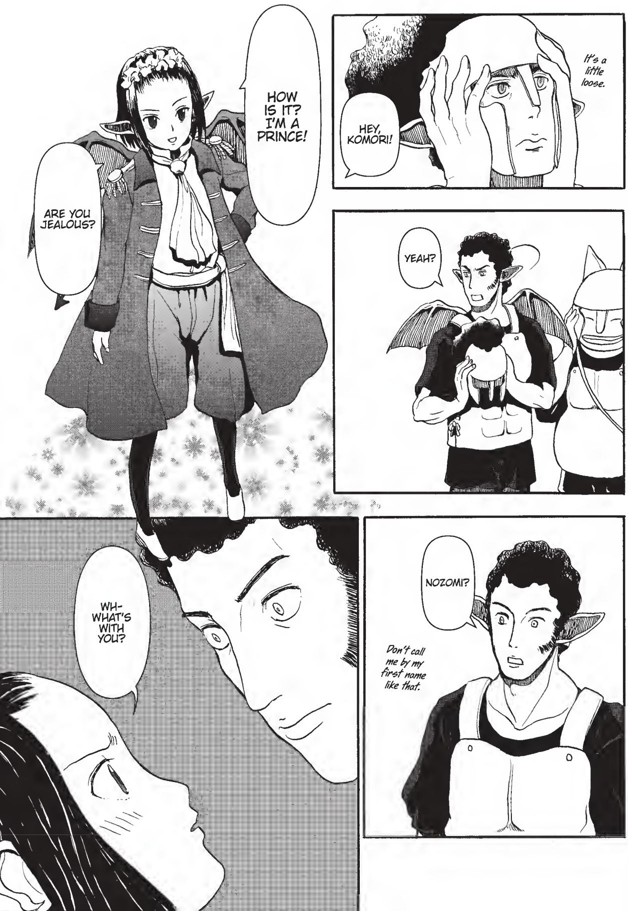

I THOUGHT I MADE IT WITH A LOT OF LEEWAY, BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY SNUG.

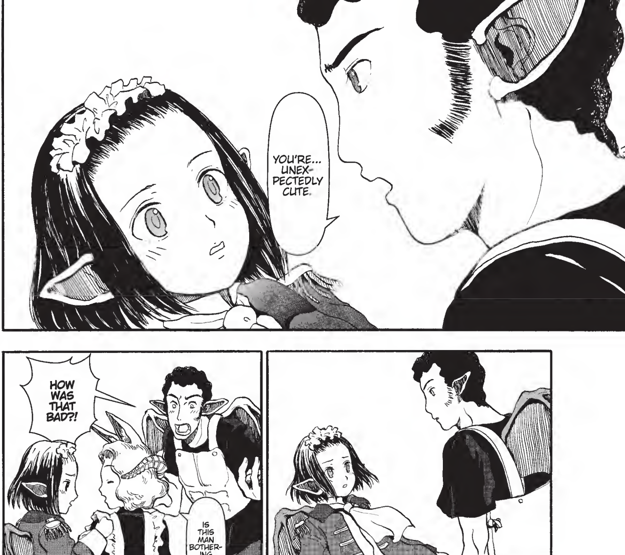

HUH?

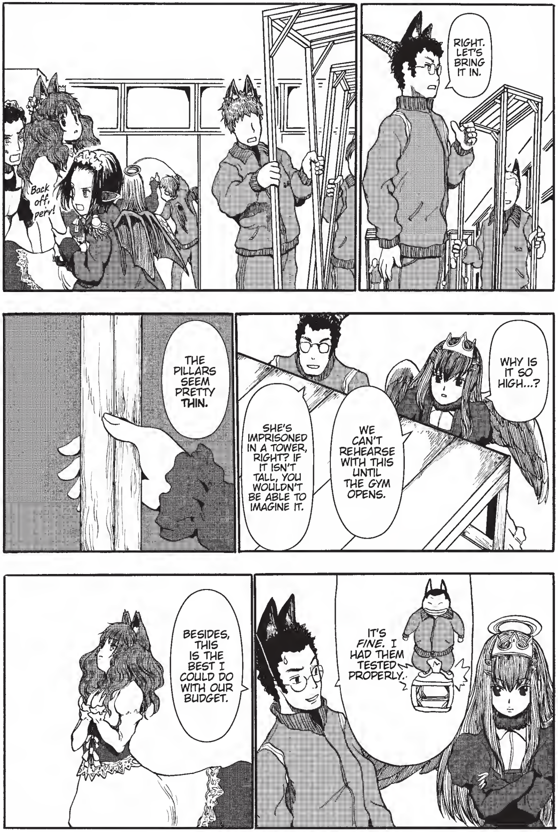

HIMENO. IF YOU SIT AROUND LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME, YOU'LL GET FAT.
UH-HUH.

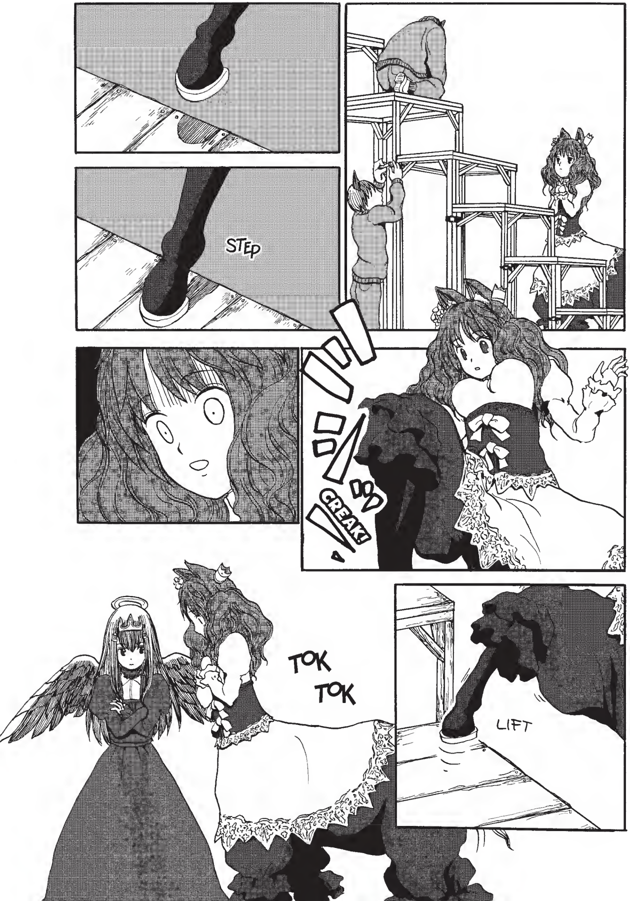

MI-TAMA-SAN... WHAT ABOUT YOU?
SHOCK

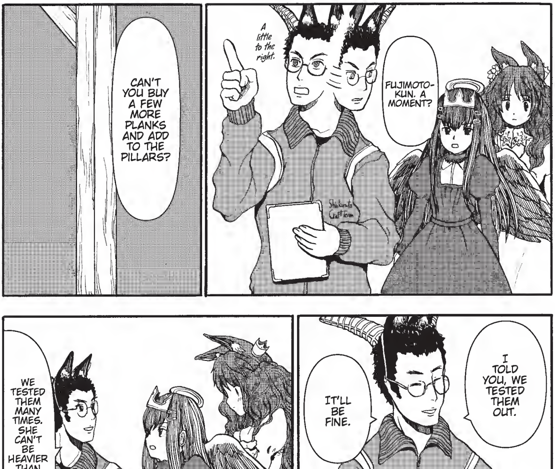

As I thought, I'm amazing!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE, TAKE OFF YOUR UNDER-GARMENTS.
Soldier Roles
How about no.

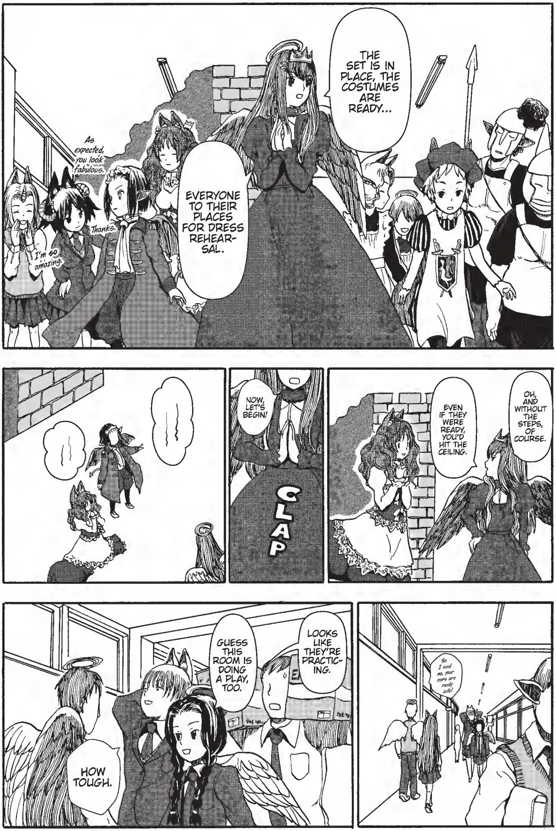

It's a little loose.
HEY, KOMORI!
YEAH?
HOW IS IT? I'M A PRINCE!
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
NOZOMI?
Don't call me by my first name like that.
WH-WHAT'S WITH YOU?

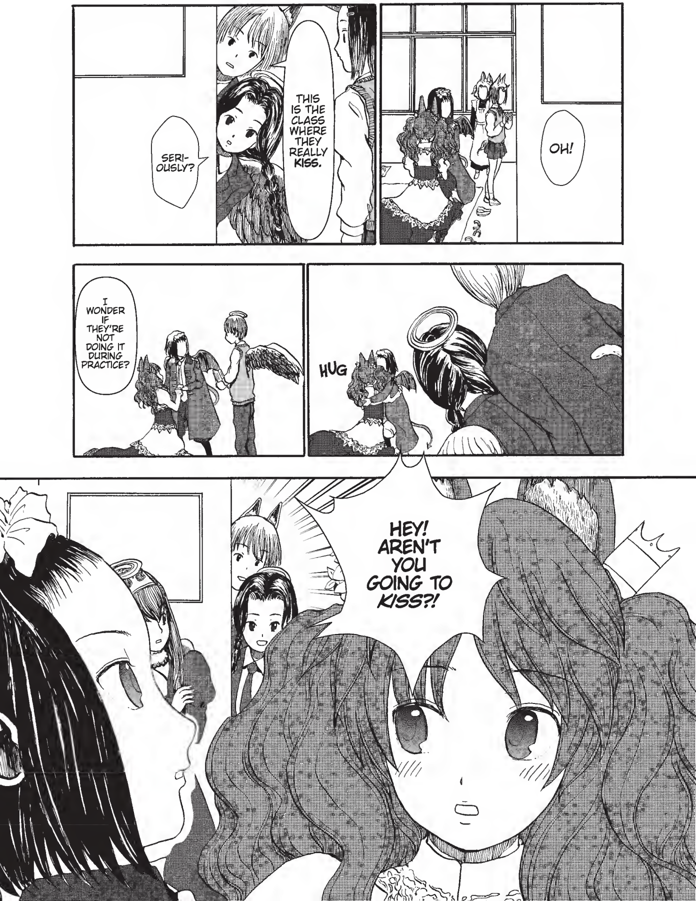

YOU'RE... UNEXPECTEDLY CUTE.
IS THIS MAN BOTHERING YOU?
HOW WAS THAT BAD?!
Looks pretty lively.
Shinkonota Craft Team
HEY, ARE YOU READY FOR THE LARGE PARTS OF THE SET?
OH! YES, PLEASE.

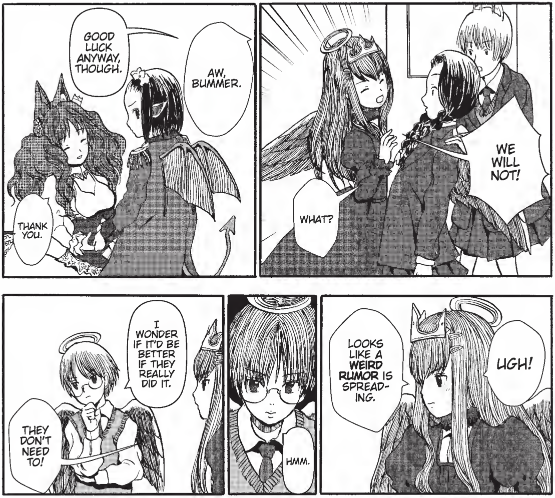

RIGHT. LET'S BRING IT IN.
Back off, perv!
WHY IS IT SO HIGH...?
WE CAN'T REHEARSE WITH THIS UNTIL THE GYM OPENS.
SHE'S IMPRISONED IN A TOWER, RIGHT? IF IT ISN'T TALL, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO IMAGINE IT.
THE PILLARS SEEM PRETTY THIN.
IT'S *FINE.* I HAD THEM TESTED PROPERLY.
BESIDES, THIS IS THE BEST I COULD DO WITH OUR BUDGET.

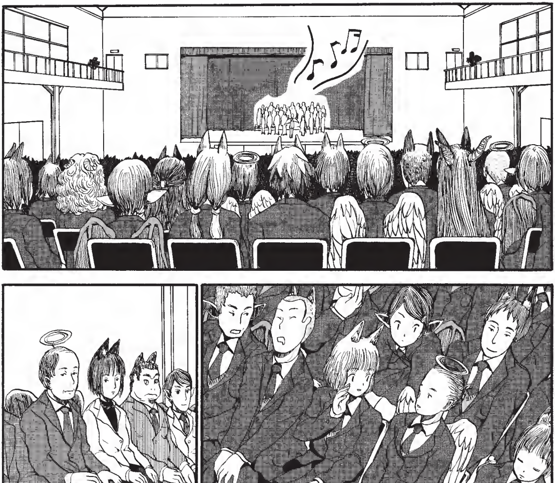

STEP
CREAK!
TOK
TOK
LIFT


FUJIMOTO-KUN. A MOMENT?
A little to the right.
Shikanata Craft Team
CAN'T YOU BUY A FEW MORE PLANKS AND ADD TO THE PILLARS?
I TOLD YOU, WE TESTED THEM OUT.
IT'LL BE FINE.
Shikanata Craft Team
WE TESTED THEM MANY TIMES. SHE CAN'T BE HEAVIER THAN NEKOMI-SAN, RIGHT?
ERM...
REGARDLESS, MAKE IT STRONGER. JUST IN CASE.
Fine, fine.


THE SET IS IN PLACE, THE COSTUMES ARE READY...
EVERYONE TO THEIR PLACES FOR DRESS REHEARSAL.
As expected, you look fabulous.
Thanks.
I'm so amazing.
OH, AND WITHOUT THE STEPS, OF COURSE.
EVEN IF THEY WERE READY, YOU'D HIT THE CEILING.
NOW, LET'S BEGIN!
CLAP
So I said no, your ears are really cute!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PRACTICING.
GUESS THIS ROOM IS DOING A PLAY, TOO.
HOW TOUGH.


OH!
THIS IS THE CLASS WHERE THEY REALLY KISS.
SERIOUSLY?
I WONDER IF THEY'RE NOT DOING IT DURING PRACTICE?
HUG
HEY! AREN'T YOU GOING TO KISS?!


WE WILL NOT!
WHAT?
AW, BUMMER.
GOOD LUCK ANYWAY, THOUGH.
THANK YOU.
UGH!
LOOKS LIKE A WEIRD RUMOR IS SPREADING.
HMM.
I WONDER IF IT'D BE BETTER IF THEY REALLY DID IT.
THEY DON'T NEED TO!
JEEZ, THIS IS BECOMING A PROBLEM.
SEEMS LIKE IT!
AND... IT'S A LITTLE WEIRD THAT HIME ISN'T BOTHERED BY IT AT ALL.
?


CLAP
CLAP
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE THROUGH.
CROWD
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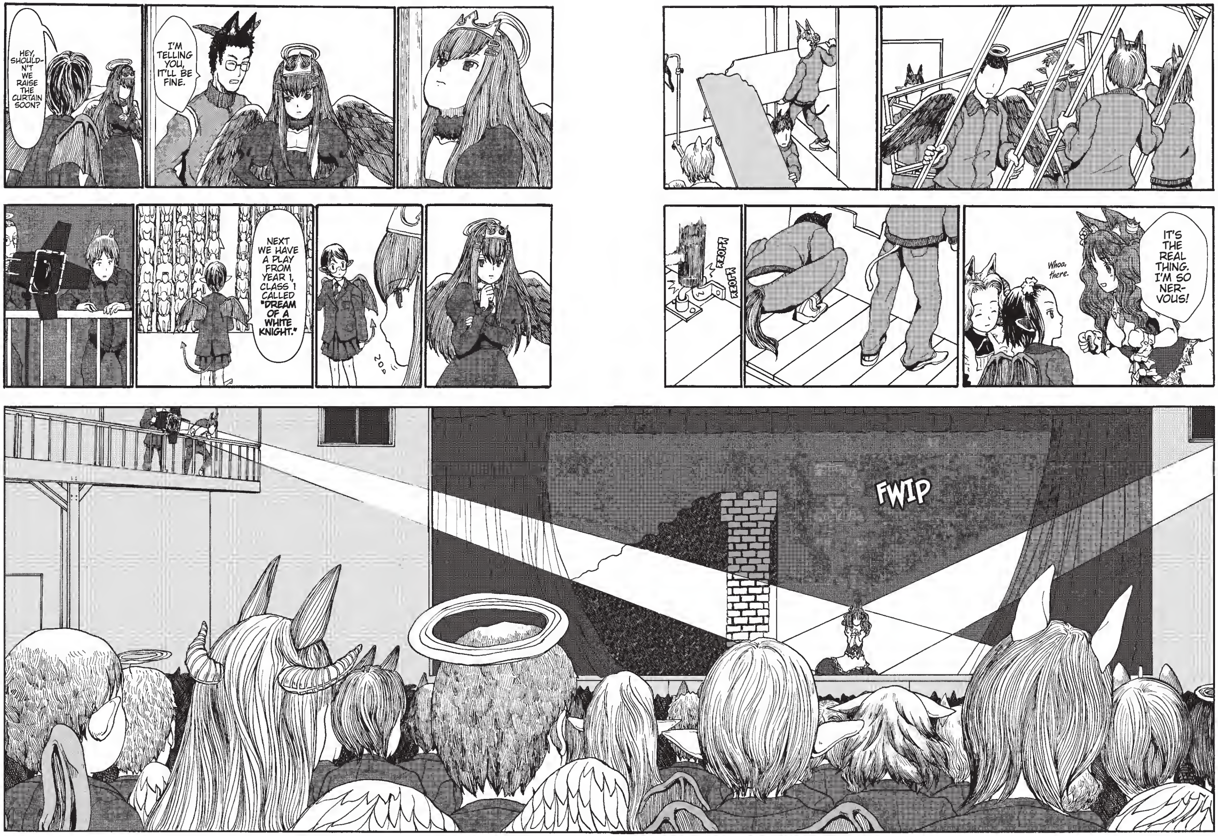
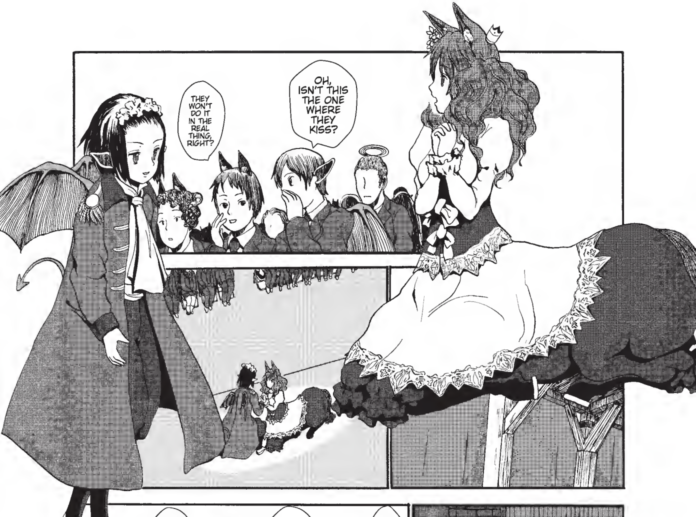
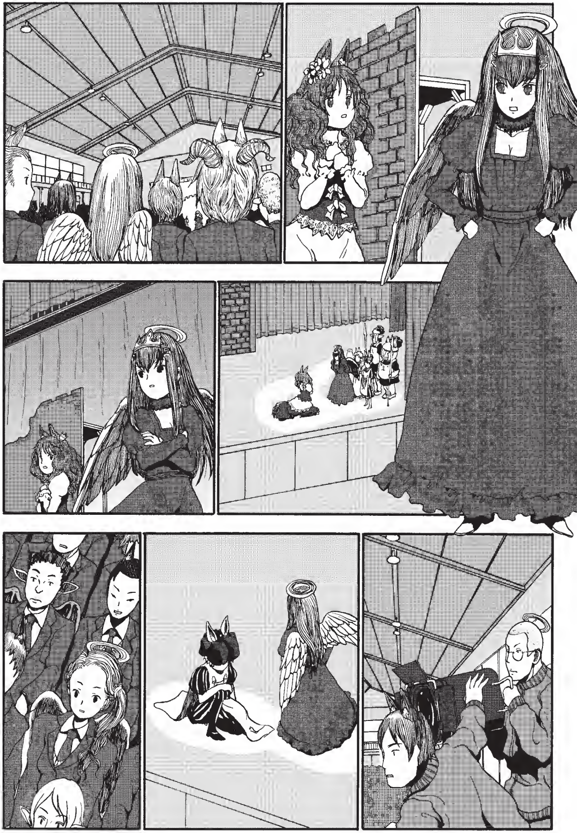
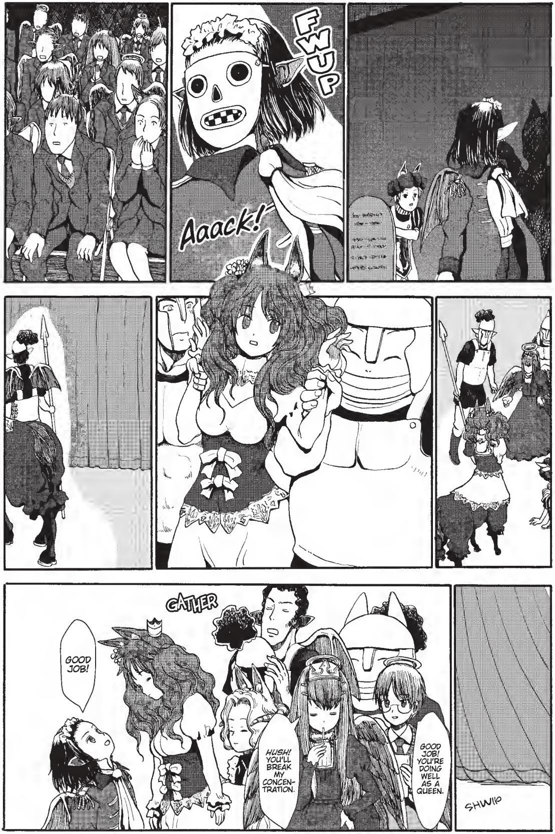
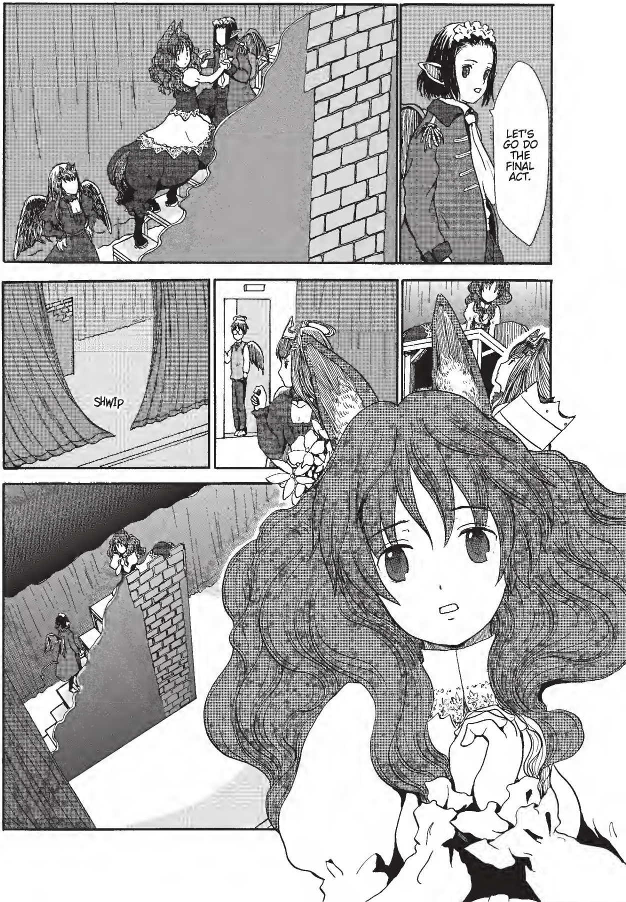
WE'RE DONE! WE'RE DONE!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S BRING IN THE SET.

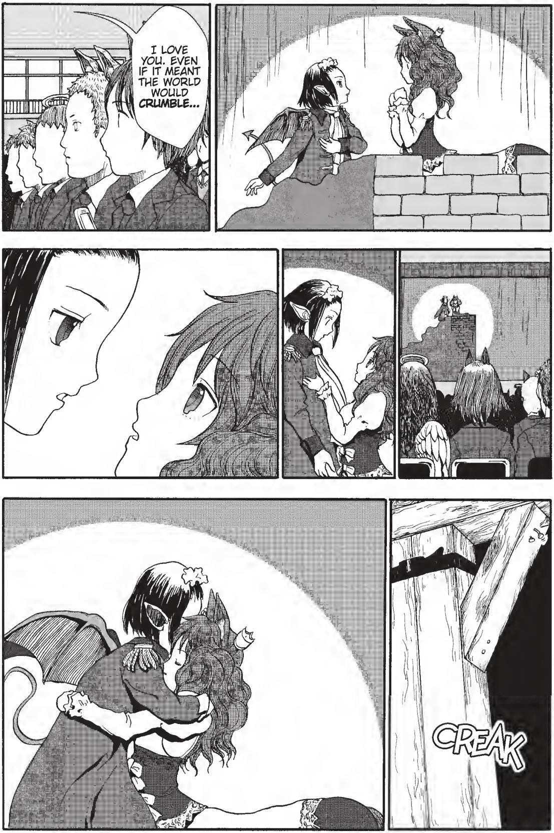

HEY, SHOULDN'T WE RAISE THE CURTAIN SOON?
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'LL BE FINE.
NEXT WE HAVE A PLAY FROM YEAR 1, CLASS 1 CALLED **"DREAM OF A WHITE KNIGHT."**
KLONK
KLONK
Whoa, there.
IT'S THE REAL THING. I'M SO NERVOUS!
FWIP

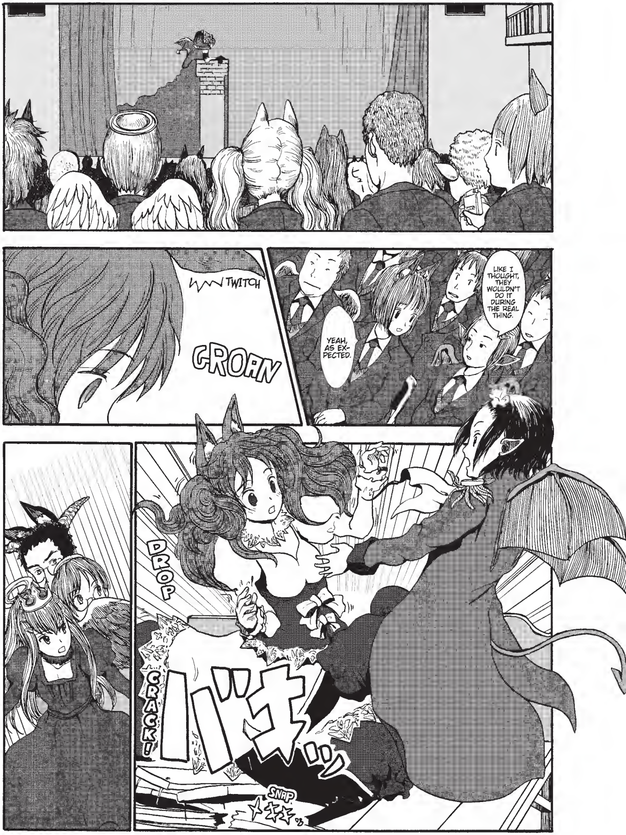

OH, ISN'T THIS THE ONE WHERE THEY KISS?
THEY WON'T DO IT IN THE REAL THING, RIGHT?
OH, CLASS PRESIDENT. ARE YOU NERVOUS?
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE THE QUEEN. JUST DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO.

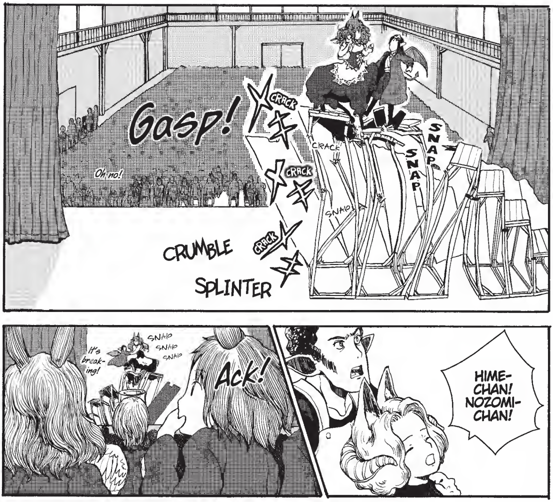


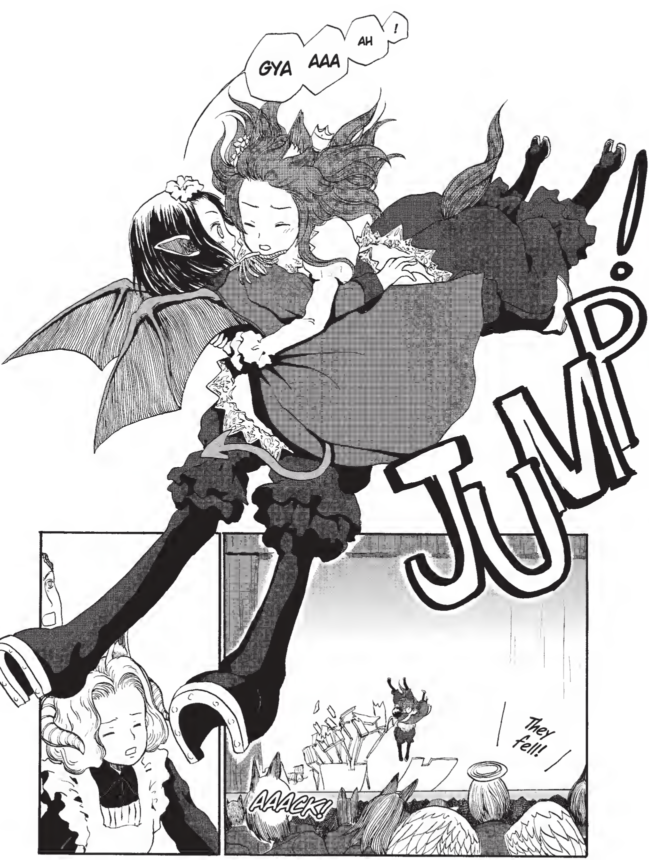

FWUP
Aaack!
SHWIP
GATHER
GOOD JOB! YOU'RE DOING WELL AS A QUEEN.
HUSH! YOU'LL BREAK MY CONCENTRATION.
GOOD JOB!

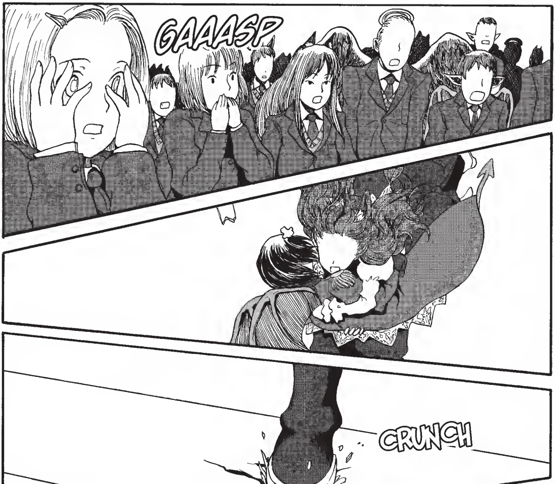

LET'S GO DO THE FINAL ACT.
SHWIP

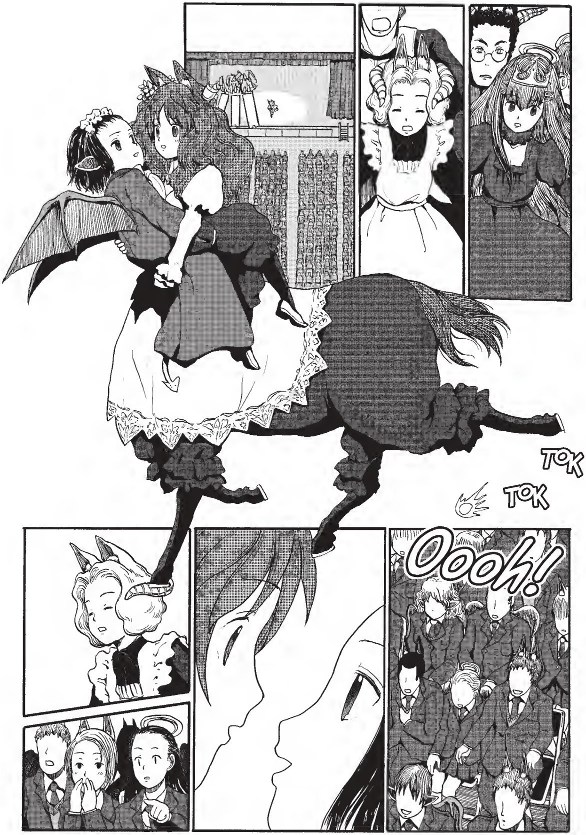

I LOVE YOU. EVEN IF IT MEANT THE WORLD WOULD CRUMBLE...
CREAK

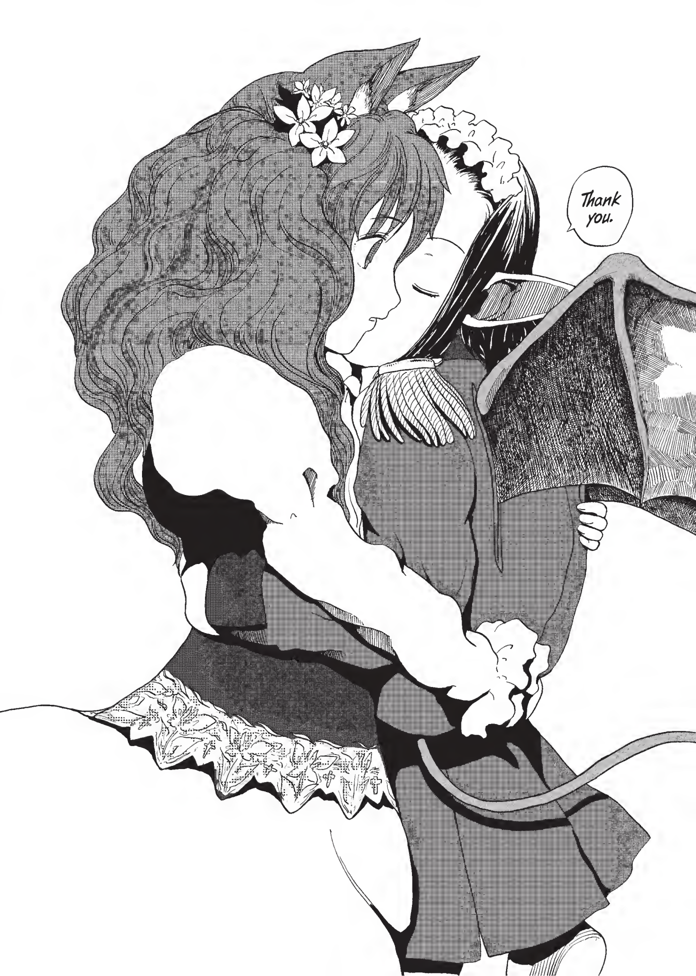

LIKE I THOUGHT, THEY WOULDN'T DO IT DURING THE REAL THING.
YEAH, AS EXPECTED.
TWITCH
GROAN
DROP
CRACK!
バキッ
SNAP
メキキッ

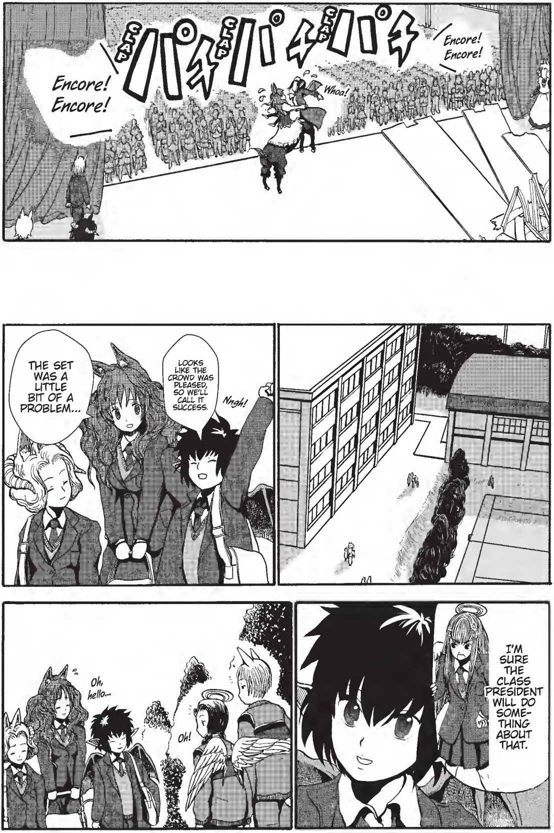

CRACK
SNAP
SNAP
Gasp!
CRACK
CRACK
Oh no!
SNAP
CRACK
CRUMBLE
SPLINTER
HIME-CHAN! NOZOMI-CHAN!
Ack!
SNAP SNAP SNAP
It's breaking!
AH!
UH-OH!
WHA--?!
OH!
SQUEEZE

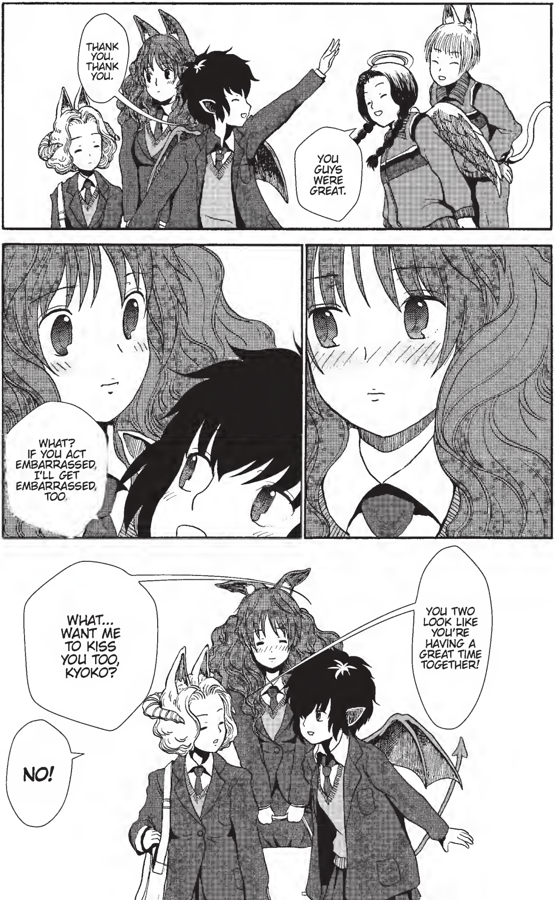

GYA AAA AH !
JUMP!
They fell!!
AAACK!


GAAASP
CRUNCH


TOK
TOK
Oooh!

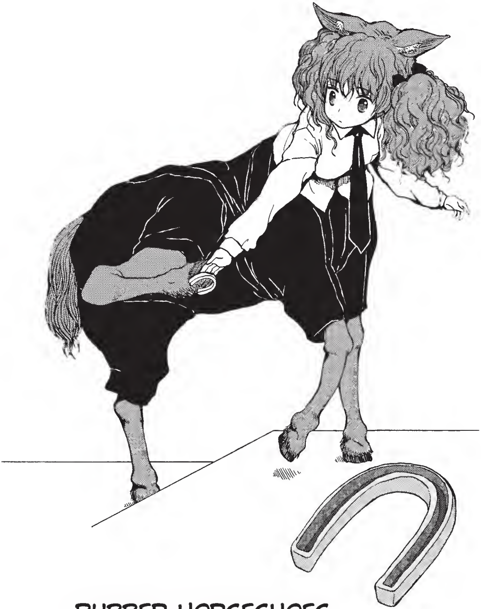

Thank you.


Encore! Encore!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
パチパチ
Whoa!
Encore! Encore!
Nngh!
LOOKS LIKE THE CROWD WAS PLEASED, SO WE'LL CALL IT SUCCESS.
THE SET WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM...
I'M SURE THE CLASS PRESIDENT WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
Oh!
Oh, hello...


YOU GUYS WERE GREAT.
THANK YOU. THANK YOU.
WHAT? IF YOU ACT EMBARRASSED, I'LL GET EMBARRASSED TOO.
YOU TWO LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT TIME TOGETHER!
WHAT... WANT ME TO KISS YOU TOO, KYOKO?
NO!

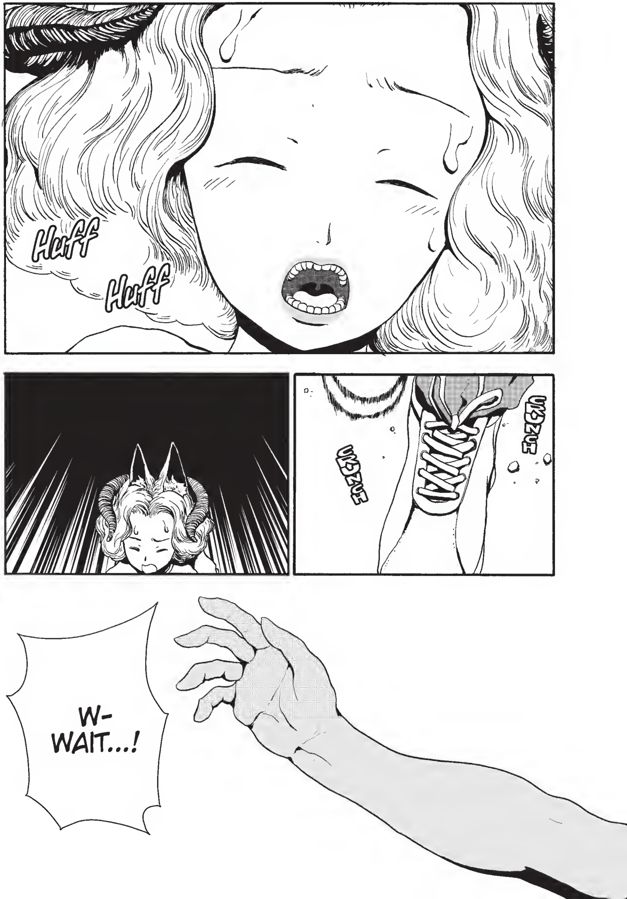
A Centaur's Life

CENTAUR FOOTWEAR

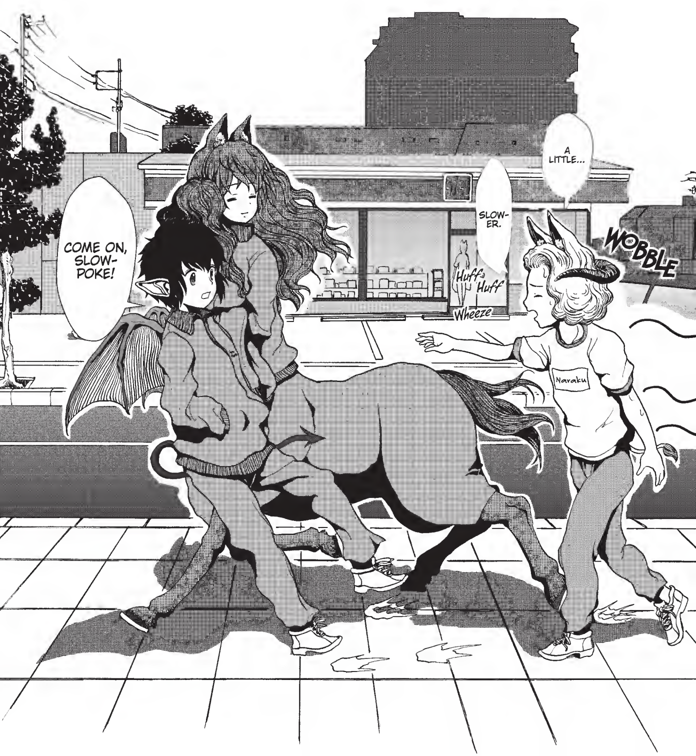


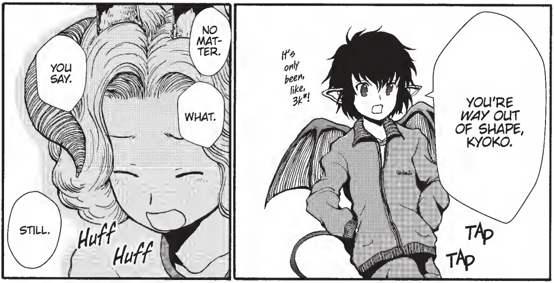
RUBBER HORSESHOES

THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE TYPICALLY
MEAN WHEN REFERRING TO HORSESHOES.
TRADITIONAL METAL HORSESHOES ARE
GENERALLY ONLY WORN BY THE ELDERLY
FROM BEFORE THE WAR. CENTAURS CAN ALSO
BUY BOOTS THAT COMPLETELY COVER THE HOOF
OR SPECIALIZED SHOES FOR RUNNING, HIKING,
AND TEA CEREMONIES, BUT OTHER RACES
USUALLY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE.
THERE ARE MANY STYLES AND BRANDS.

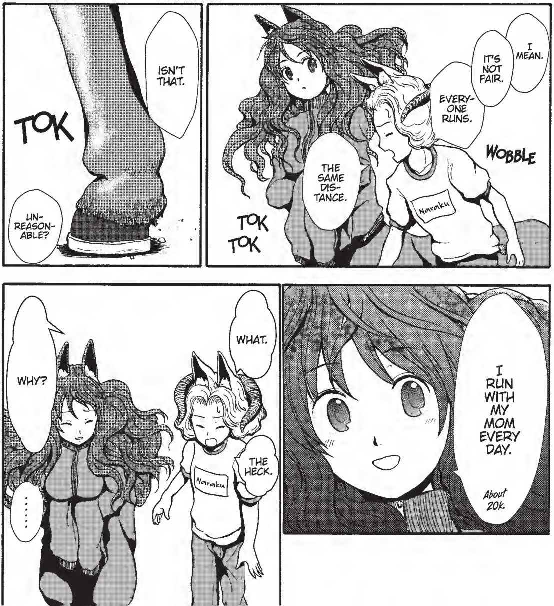

Huff
Huff
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
W-WAIT...!

CHAPTER 2


A LITTLE...
SLOWER.
WOBBLE
Huff Huff
Wheeze
COME ON, SLOWPOKE!
Naraku


YOU'RE *WAY* OUT OF SHAPE, KYOKO.
It's only been, like, 3k*!
TAP TAP
NO MATTER.
WHAT.
YOU SAY.
STILL.
Huff Huff

**3 kilometers, or just under 2 miles.*


I MEAN.
IT'S NOT FAIR.
EVERYONE RUNS.
THE SAME DISTANCE.
WOBBLE
TOK TOK
Naraku
ISN'T THAT.
UNREASONABLE?
TOK
I RUN WITH MY MOM EVERY DAY.
About 20k.
WHAT.
THE HECK.
Naraku
WHY?
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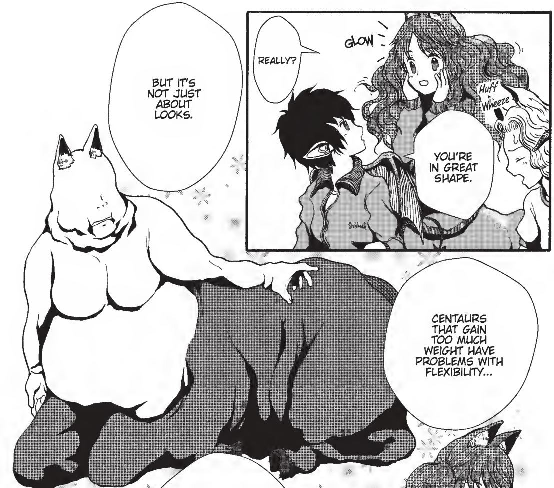
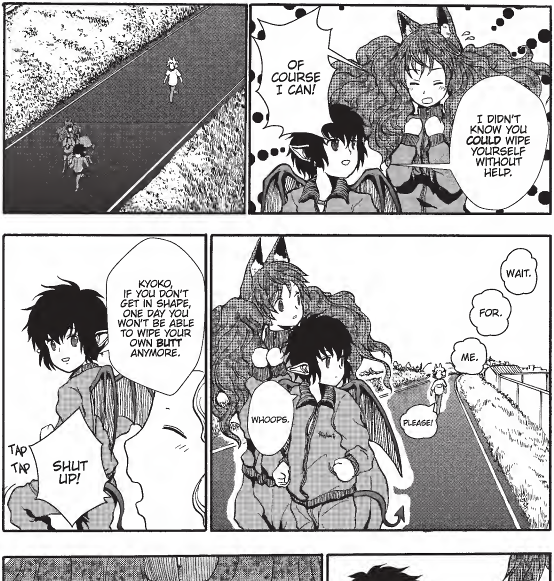
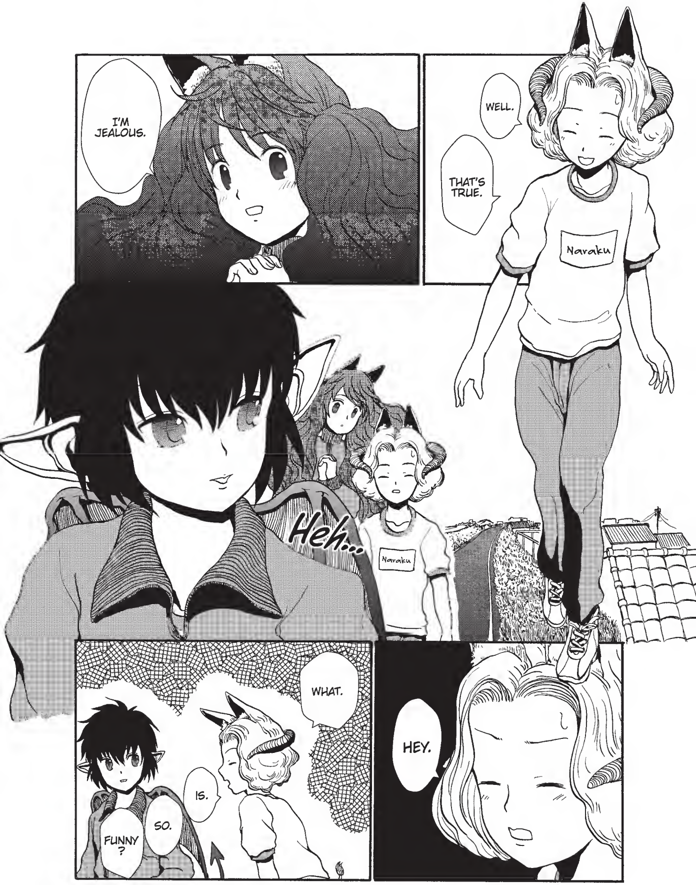
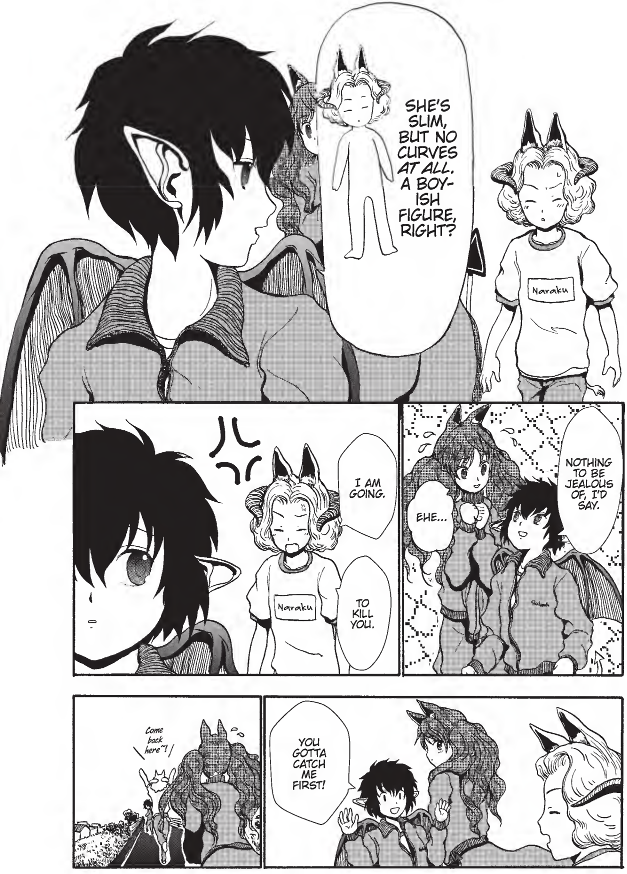
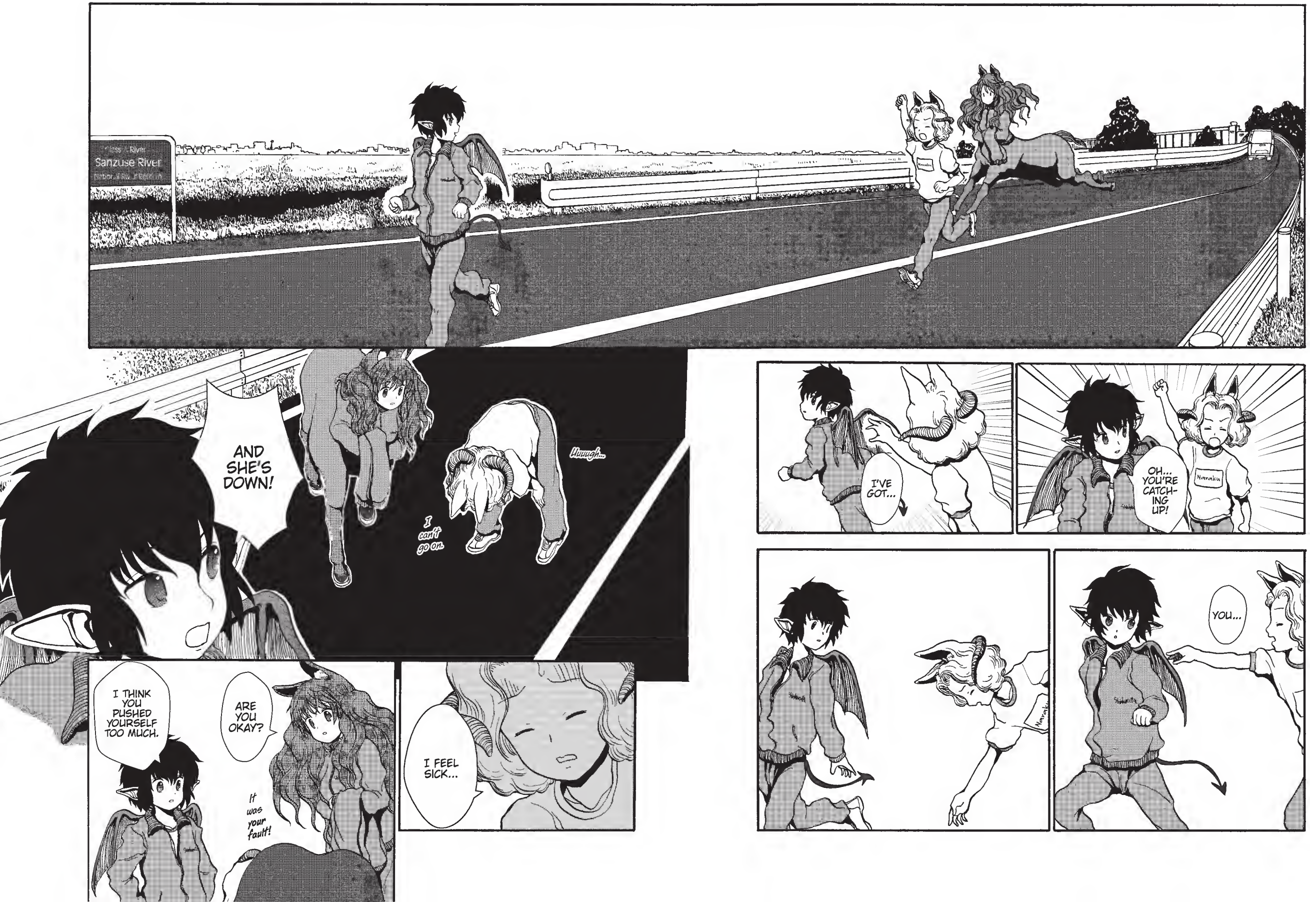
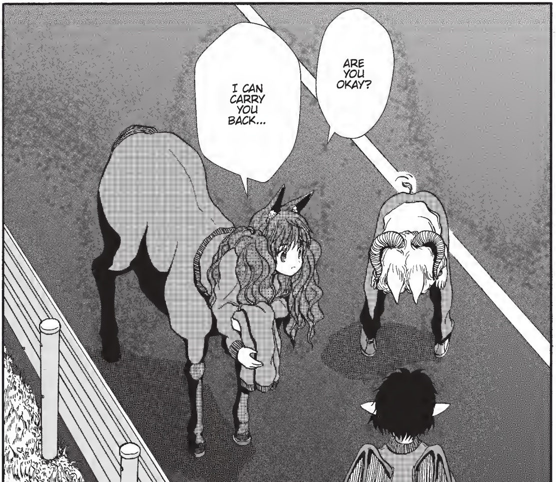

Huff
Wheeze
YOU'RE IN GREAT SHAPE.
REALLY?
GLOW
BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT LOOKS.
CENTAURS THAT GAIN TOO MUCH WEIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH FLEXIBILITY...
AND CAN'T WIPE THEMSELVES ANYMORE.
Umph.
YOU KNOW...

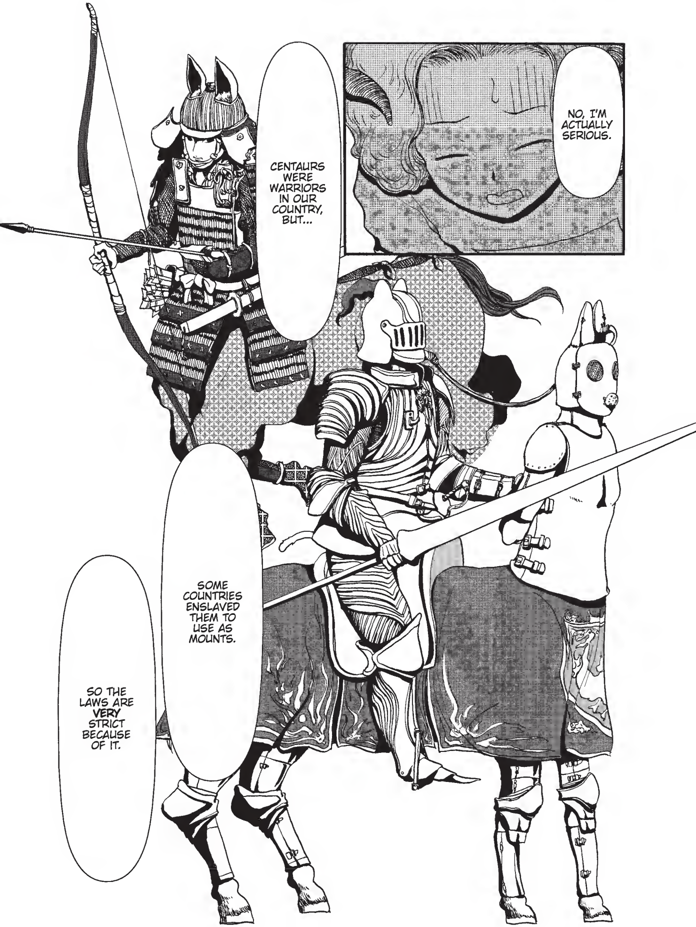

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD WIPE YOURSELF WITHOUT HELP.
OF COURSE I CAN!
WAIT.
FOR.
ME.
PLEASE!
WHOOPS.
KYOKO, IF YOU DON'T GET IN SHAPE, ONE DAY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WIPE YOUR OWN BUTT ANYMORE.
SHUT UP!
TAP TAP
Don't die.
Pant Pant Wheeze Wheeze
BUT, KYOKO-CHAN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO GAIN WEIGHT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU EAT!

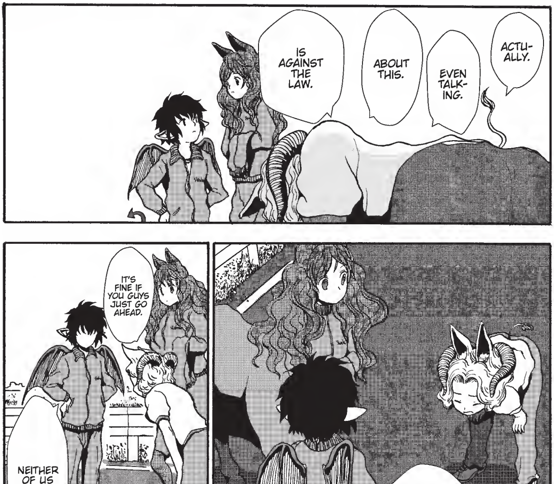

WELL.
THAT'S TRUE.
Naraku
I'M JEALOUS.
Heh...
Naraku
HEY.
WHAT.
IS.
SO.
FUNNY?

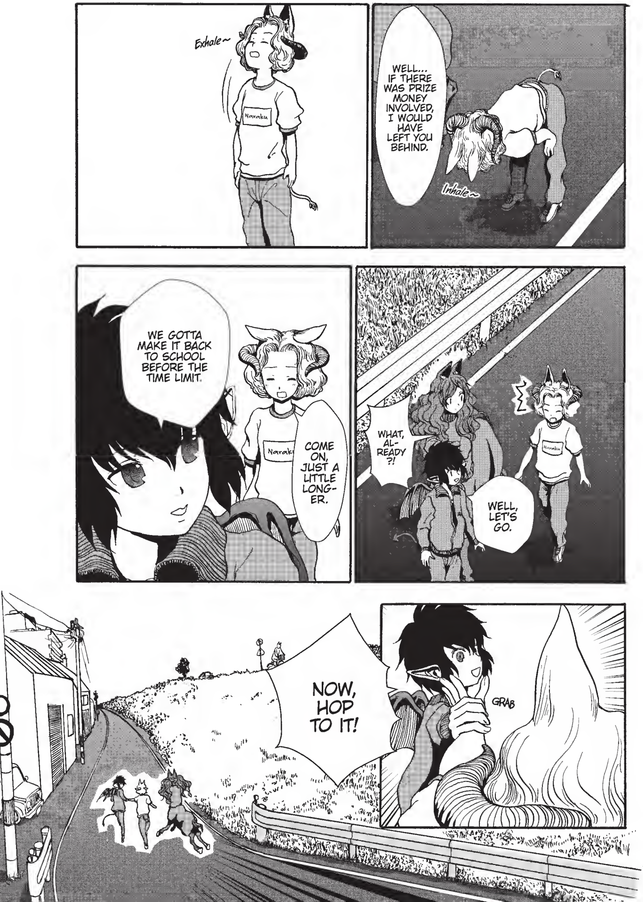
 SHE'S SLIM, BUT NO CURVES *AT ALL*. A BOYISH FIGURE, RIGHT?
Naraku
NOTHING TO BE JEALOUS OF, I'D SAY.
EHE...
I AM GOING.
TO KILL YOU.
Naraku
YOU GOTTA CATCH ME FIRST!
Come back here~!

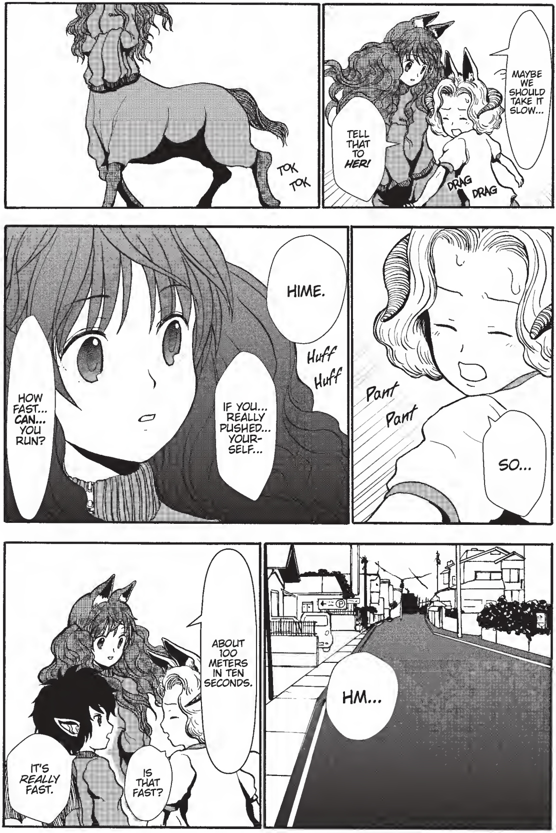

Class A River
Sanzuse River
National River Reform
Naraku
OH... YOU'RE CATCHING UP!
I'VE GOT...
YOU...
AND SHE'S DOWN!
Uuuugh...
I can't go on.
I FEEL SICK...
ARE YOU OKAY?
I THINK YOU PUSHED YOURSELF TOO MUCH.
It was your fault!

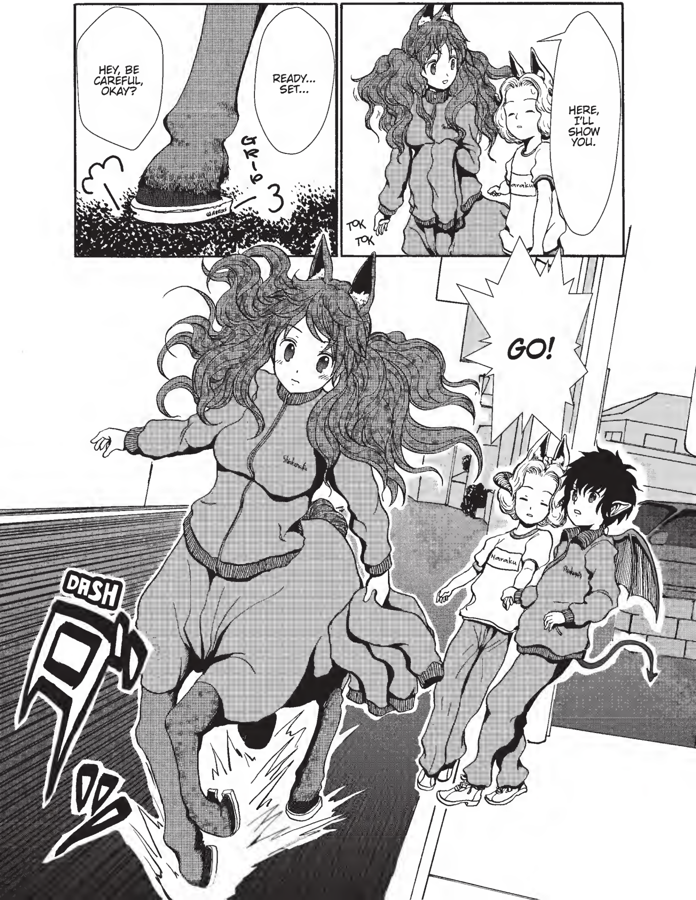

ARE YOU OKAY?
I CAN CARRY YOU BACK...
NO WAY.
THAT'S.
REALLY BAD.
THEY'LL THROW ME IN PRISON FOR HATE CRIMES.
And I'll be executed.
DRAMA QUEEN.

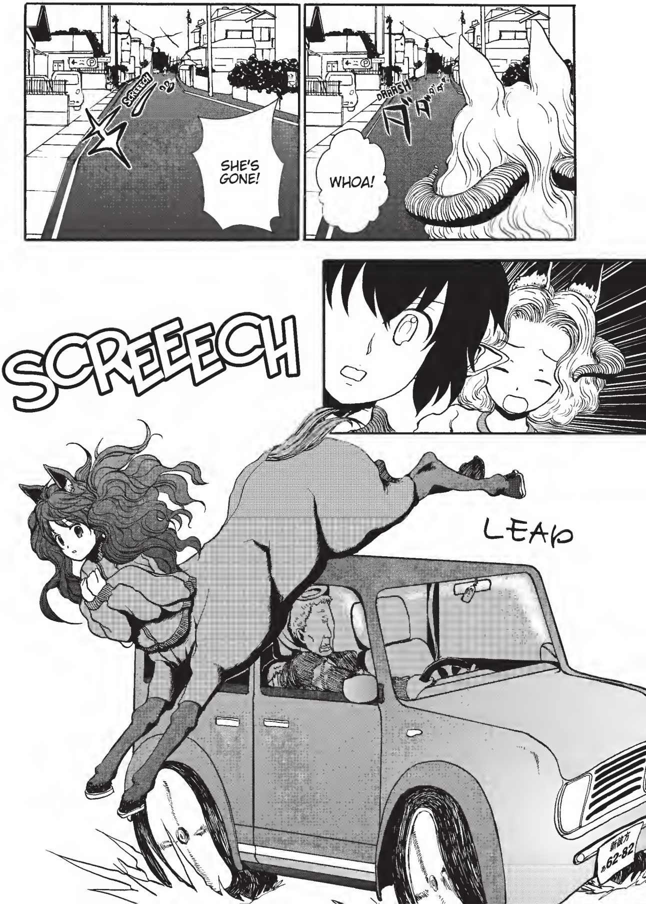

NO, I'M ACTUALLY SERIOUS.
CENTAURS WERE WARRIORS IN OUR COUNTRY, BUT...
SOME COUNTRIES ENSLAVED THEM TO USE AS MOUNTS.
SO THE LAWS ARE **VERY** STRICT BECAUSE OF IT.

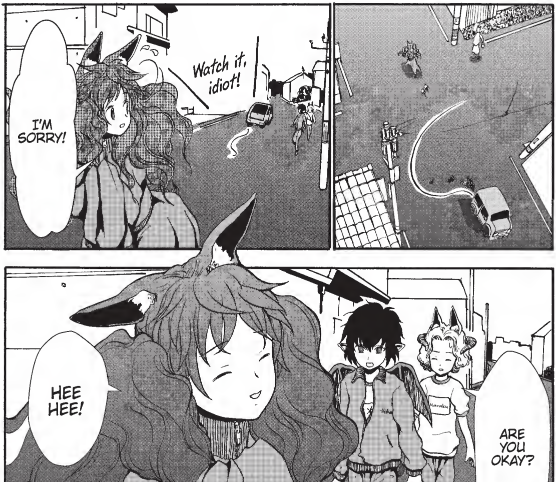

ACTUALLY.
EVEN TALKING.
ABOUT THIS.
IS AGAINST THE LAW.
WELL... WE'LL CATCH UP AFTER YOU CATCH YOUR BREATH.
IT'S FINE IF YOU GUYS JUST GO AHEAD.
NEITHER OF US ARE AIMING TO BE FIRST ANYWAYS.
TAMA-CHAN IS PROBABLY OUT IN THE LEAD.
THE CLASS PRESIDENT **LOVES** TO BE NUMBER ONE.
ZERIA
ZER
Tama

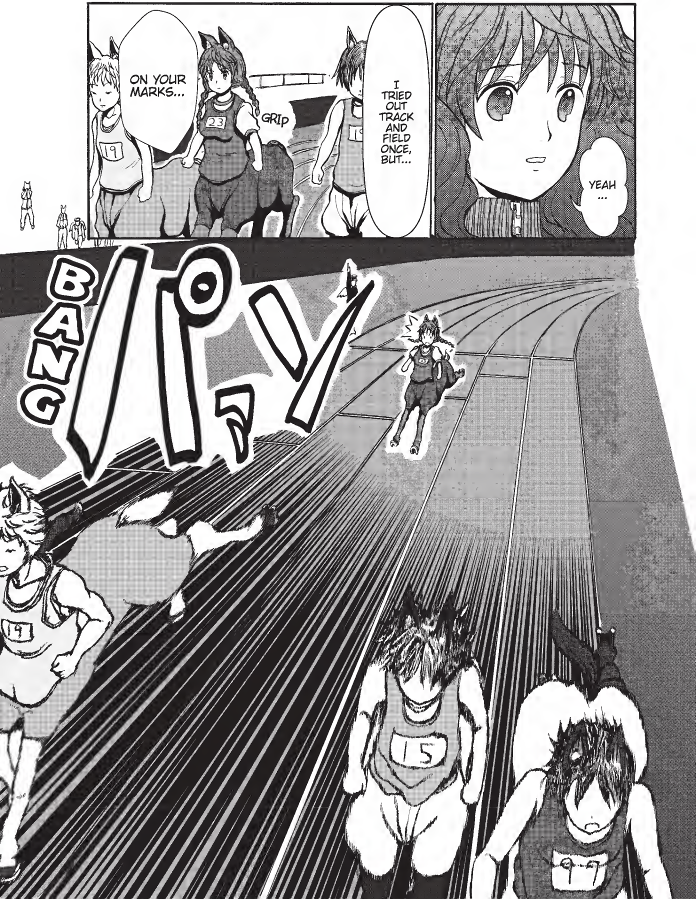

WELL... IF THERE WAS PRIZE MONEY INVOLVED, I WOULD HAVE LEFT YOU BEHIND.
Inhale~
Exhale~
Naraku
WHAT, AL-READY?!
WELL, LET'S GO.
Naraku
WE GOTTA MAKE IT BACK TO SCHOOL BEFORE THE TIME LIMIT.
COME ON, JUST A LITTLE LONG-ER.
Naraku
GRAB
NOW, HOP TO IT!

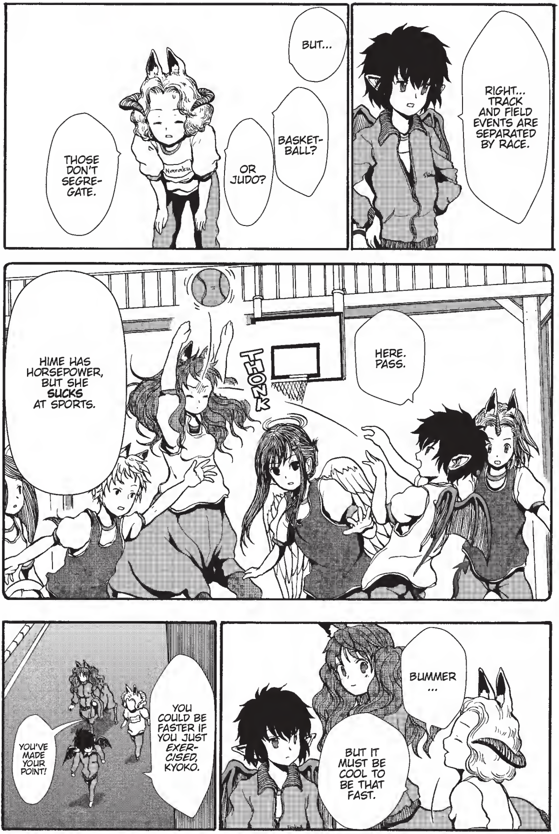

MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE IT SLOW...
TELL THAT TO *HER!*
DRAG DRAG
TOK TOK
Pant Pant
SO...
HIME.
Huff Huff
IF YOU... REALLY PUSHED... YOURSELF...
HOW FAST... **CAN...** YOU RUN?
HM...
ABOUT 100 METERS IN TEN SECONDS.
IS THAT FAST?
IT'S *REALLY* FAST.

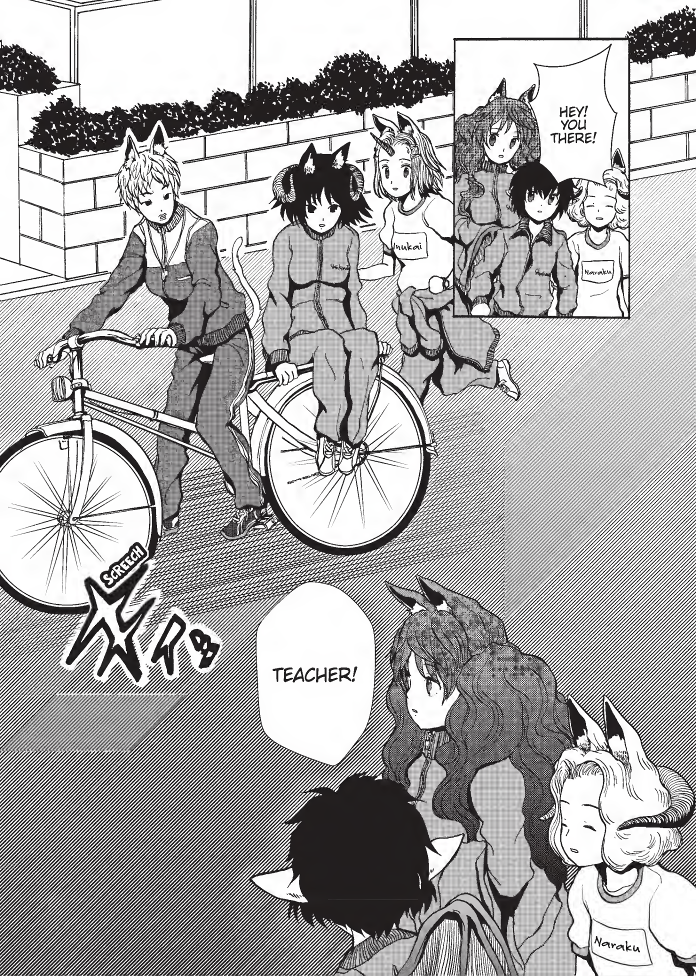

HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU.
TOK TOK
Naraku
READY... SET...
HEY, BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
GRIP
GO!
Naraku
DASH

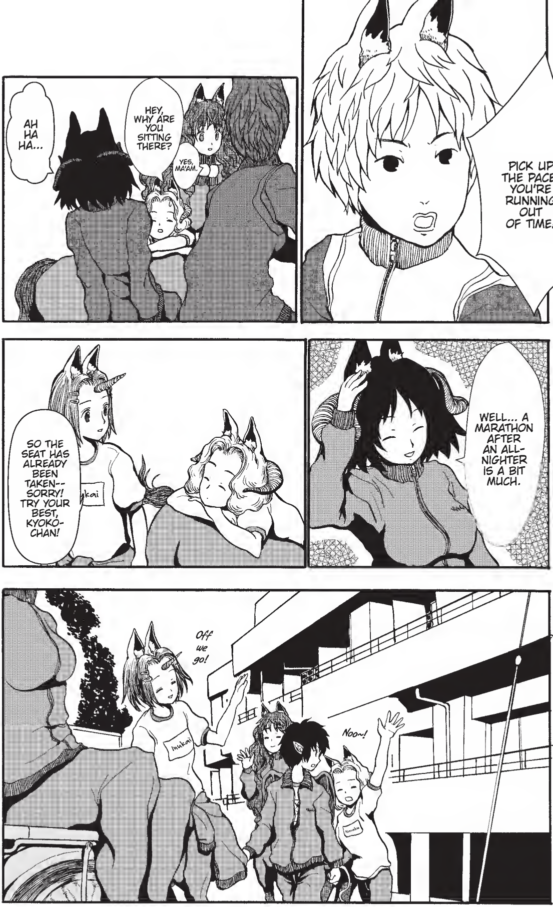

DRRRSH
ダダダダ
WHOA!
SCREEECH
SHE'S GONE!
SCREEECH
LEAP
新袋方
あ62-82

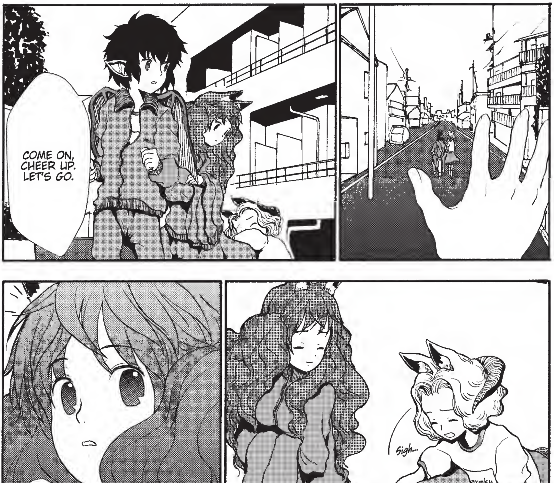

Watch it, idiot!
I'M SORRY!
ARE YOU OKAY?
HEE HEE!
Naraku
THAT WAS *REALLY* FAST!
WHY NOT TRY OUT FOR TRACK AND FIELD?
YOU'D BE AWESOME AT IT!

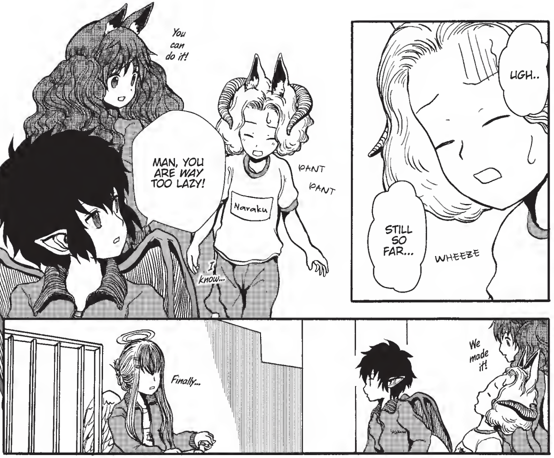

YEAH ...
I TRIED OUT TRACK AND FIELD ONCE, BUT...
GRIP
ON YOUR MARKS...
BANG
パァン

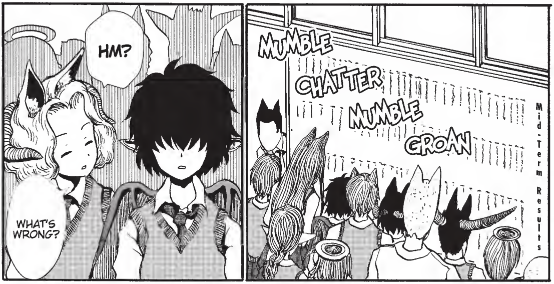

RIGHT... TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS ARE SEPARATED BY RACE.
BUT...
BASKETBALL?
OR JUDO?
THOSE DON'T SEGREGATE.
Naraku
HERE. PASS.
THONK
HIME HAS HORSEPOWER, BUT SHE **SUCKS** AT SPORTS.
BUMMER...
BUT IT MUST BE COOL TO BE THAT FAST.
YOU COULD BE FASTER IF YOU JUST *EXERCISED*, KYOKO.
YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT!

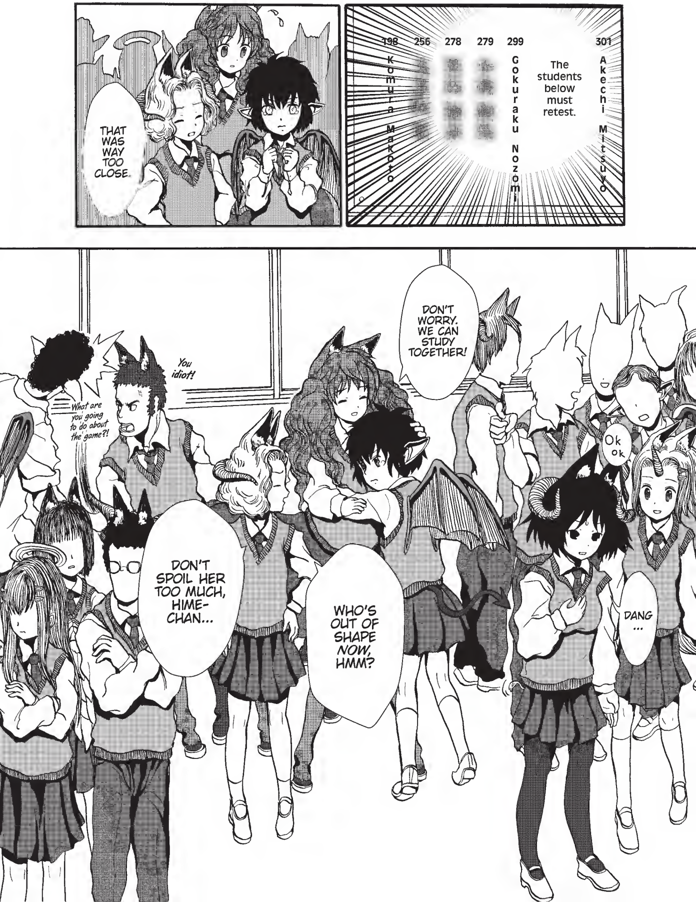

HEY! YOU THERE!
Naraku
Inukai
SCREECH
TEACHER!
Naraku


PICK UP THE PACE! YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
HEY, WHY ARE YOU SITTING THERE?
YES, MA'AM.
AH HA HA...
WELL... A MARATHON AFTER AN ALL-NIGHTER IS A BIT MUCH.
SO THE SEAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN--SORRY! TRY YOUR BEST, KYOKO-CHAN!
Noo~!
Off we go!
Inukai


COME ON, CHEER UP. LET'S GO.
Sigh...
araku
MM?
NOZOMI-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SINCE THE TEACHER ALREADY WENT AHEAD, LET'S TAKE A SHORTCUT.
I LOVE THE WAY YOU THINK SOMETIMES.
araku

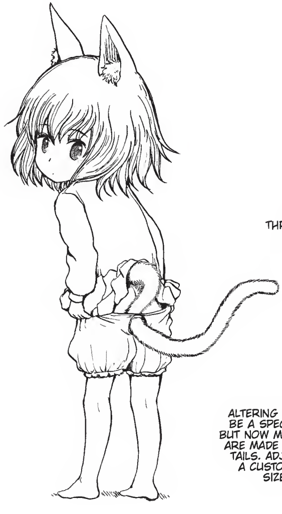

UGH..
STILL SO FAR...
WHEEZE
You can do it!
MAN, YOU ARE *WAY* TOO LAZY!
PANT
PANT
Naraku
I know...
We made it!
Finally...


MUMBLE
CHATTER
MUMBLE
GROAN
Mid-Term Results
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG?


The students below must retest.
301 Akechi Mitsuyo
299 Gokuraku Nozomi
279
278
256
198 Komura Makoto
THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE.
DANG...
Ok ok
DON'T WORRY. WE CAN STUDY TOGETHER!
WHO'S OUT OF SHAPE NOW, HMM?
DON'T SPOIL HER TOO MUCH, HIME-CHAN...
You idiot!
What are you going to do about the game?!

A Centaur's Life

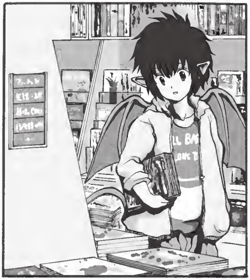
UNDERGARMENTS FOR PEOPLE WITH TAILS

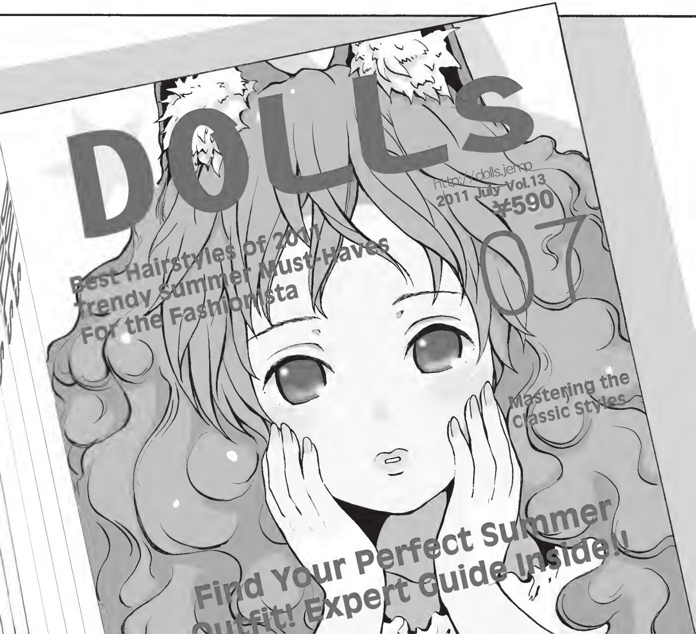


THE TAILS ARE THREADED THROUGH FIRST.

ALTERING GARMENTS FOR TAILS USED TO BE A SPECIALIZED SKILL AMONG WOMEN, BUT NOW MANY LESS EXPENSIVE GARMENTS ARE MADE SPECIFICALLY TO ACCOMMODATE TAILS. ADJUSTABLE STYLES THAT ALLOW A CUSTOMIZED FIT FOR MULTIPLE TAIL SIZES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

CHAPTER 3

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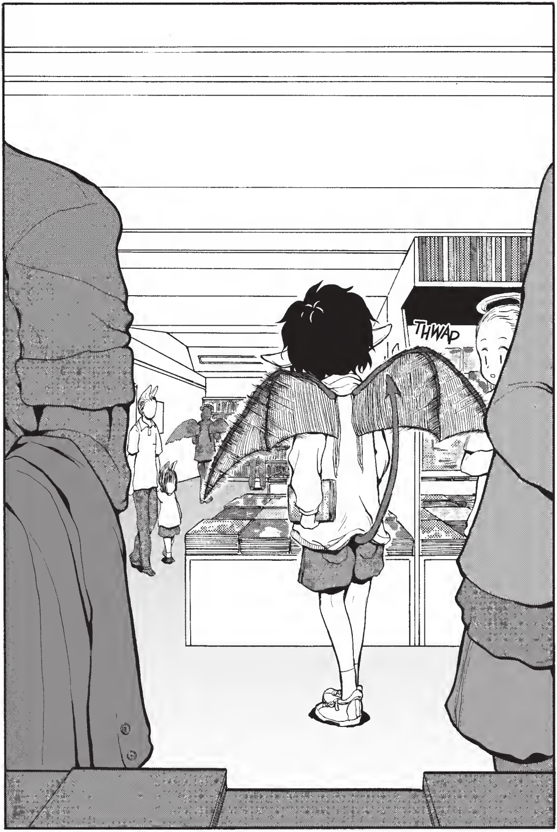
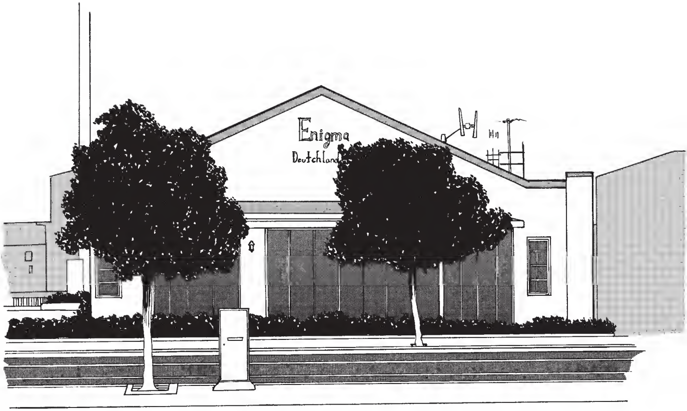
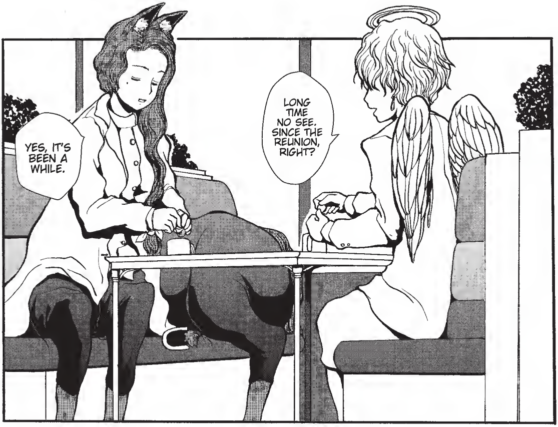
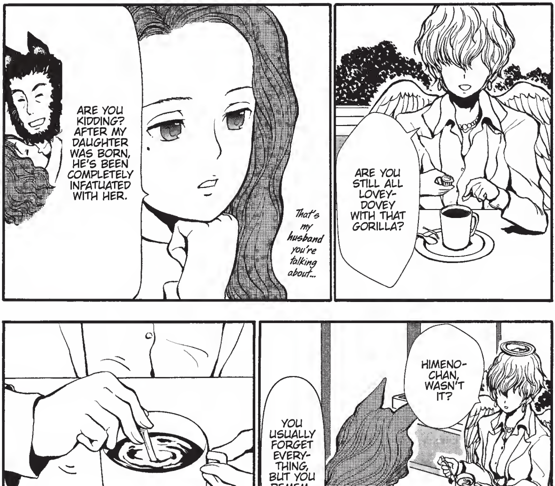
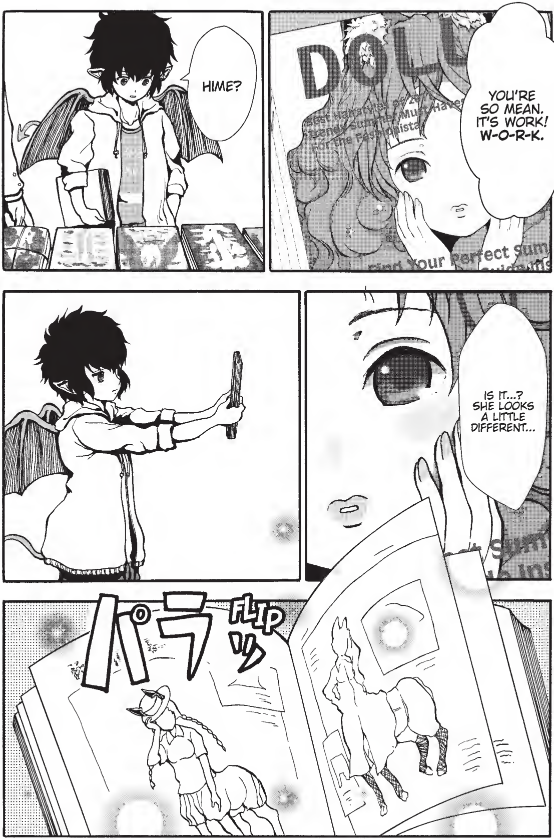

THWAP


Enigma
Deutchland


LONG TIME NO SEE. SINCE THE REUNION, RIGHT?
YES, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.


ARE YOU STILL ALL LOVEY-DOVEY WITH THAT GORILLA?
ARE YOU KIDDING? AFTER MY DAUGHTER WAS BORN, HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY INFATUATED WITH HER.
That's my husband you're talking about...
HIMENO-CHAN, WASN'T IT?
YOU USUALLY FORGET EVERYTHING, BUT YOU REMEMBER THAT.
SO, YOUR HIMENO-CHAN... DOES SHE LOOK MORE LIKE YOU OR THAT GORILLA-BEAR?
WHY? ARE YOU PLANNING ON LAYING YOUR HANDS ON MY DAUGHTER, TOO?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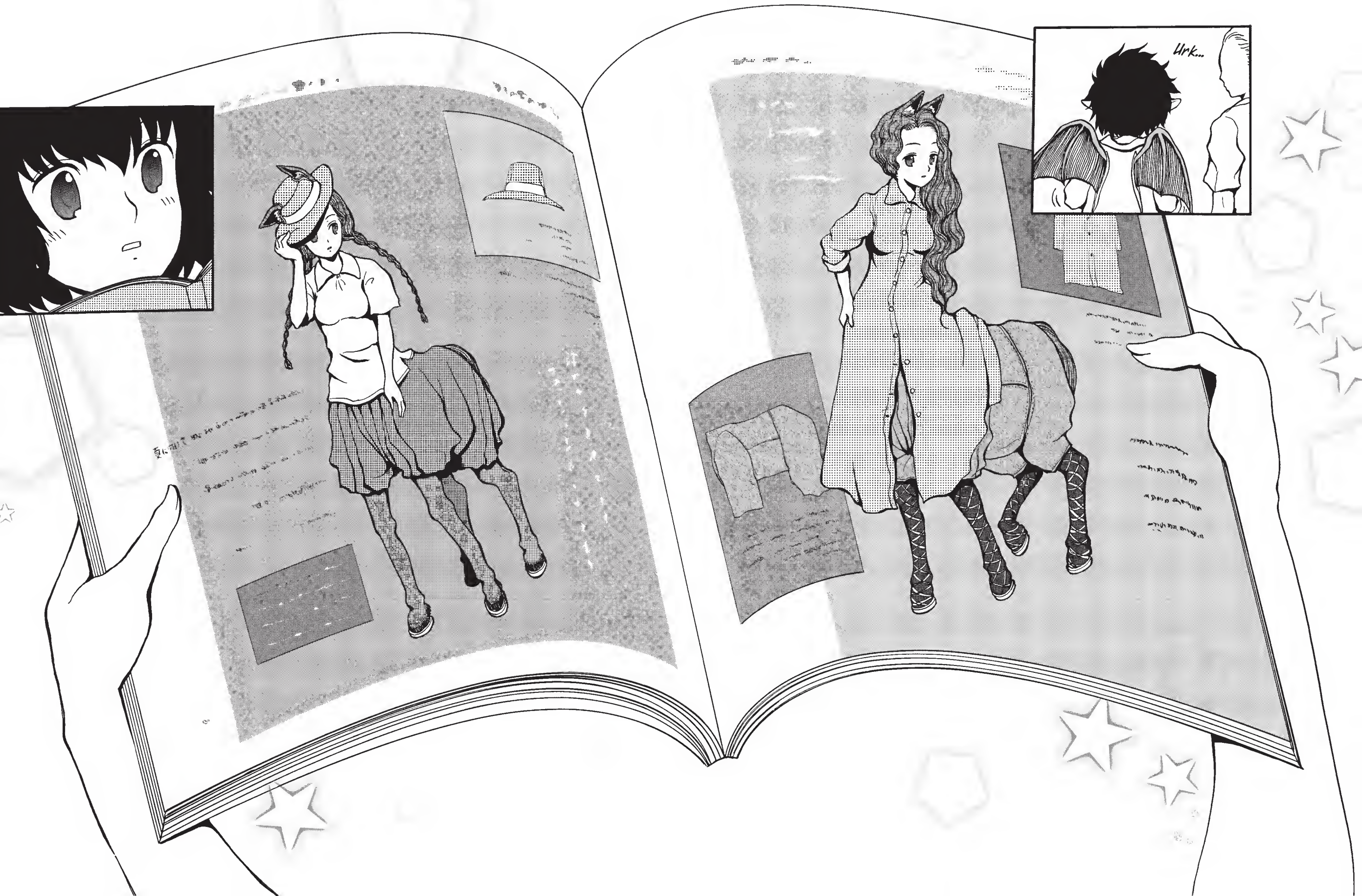
YOU'RE SO MEAN. IT'S WORK! W-O-R-K.
HIME?
IS IT...? SHE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...
パラッ
FLIP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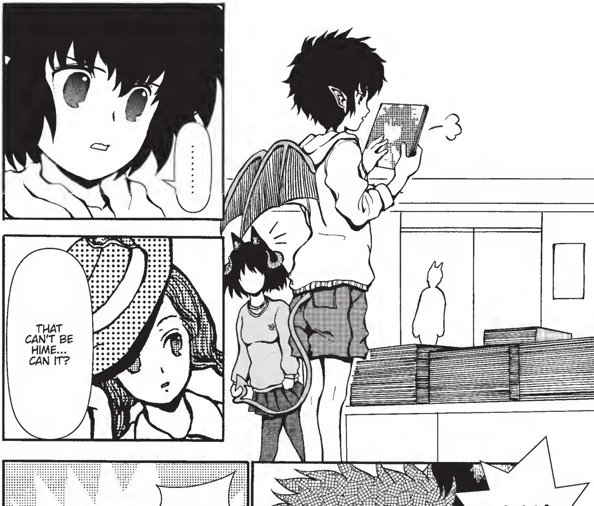
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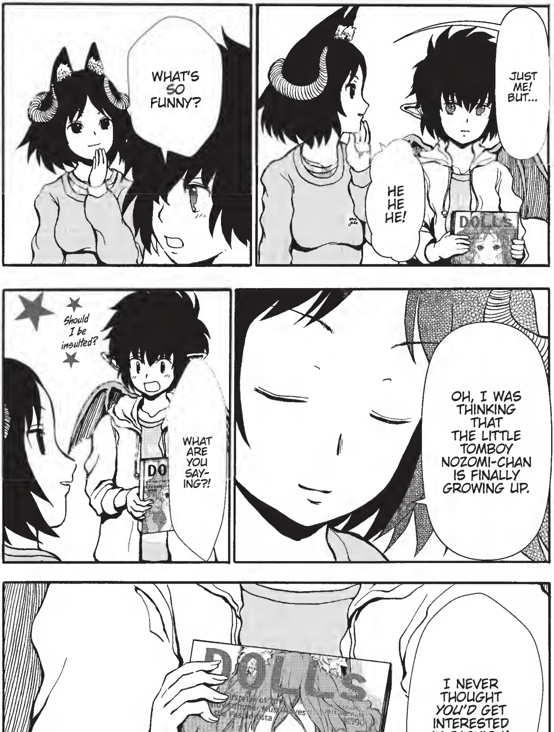
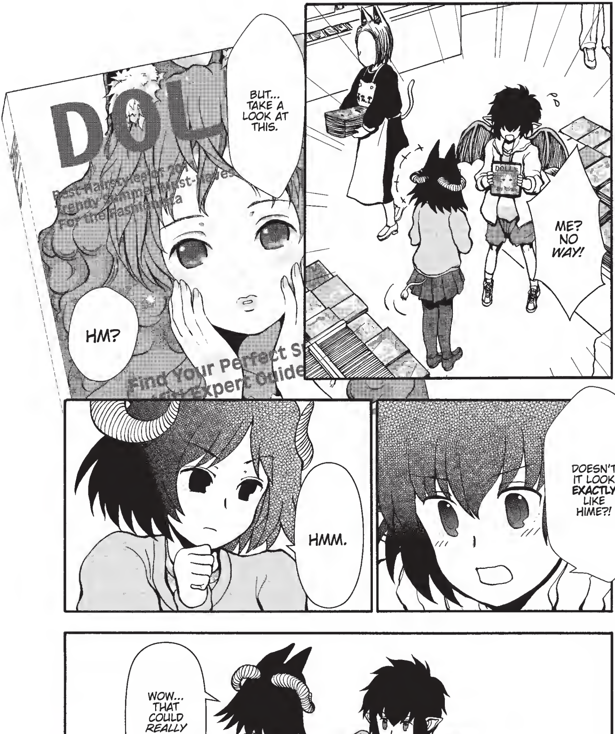
THAT CAN'T BE HIME... CAN IT?
AHA!
GAH!
WHO ...?!
Whoa! Chill out!
OH... IT'S JUST YOU, AKECHI.


JUST ME! BUT...
HE HE HE!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
DOLL's
OH, I WAS THINKING THAT THE LITTLE TOMBOY NOZOMI-CHAN IS FINALLY GROWING UP.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
Should I be insulted?
I NEVER THOUGHT *YOU'D* GET INTERESTED IN FASHION!
DOLL's
Find Your Perfect Summ


ME? NO *WAY!*
BUT... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
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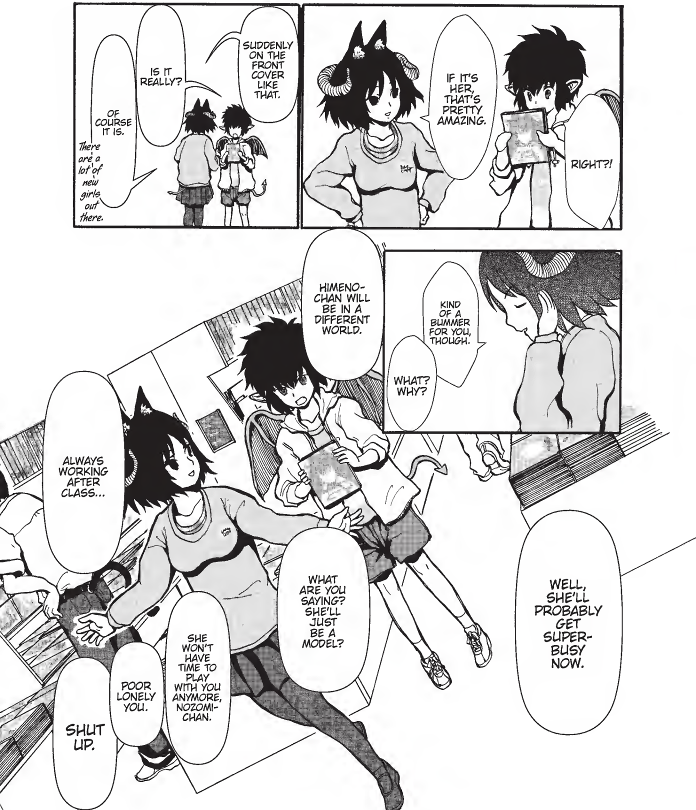
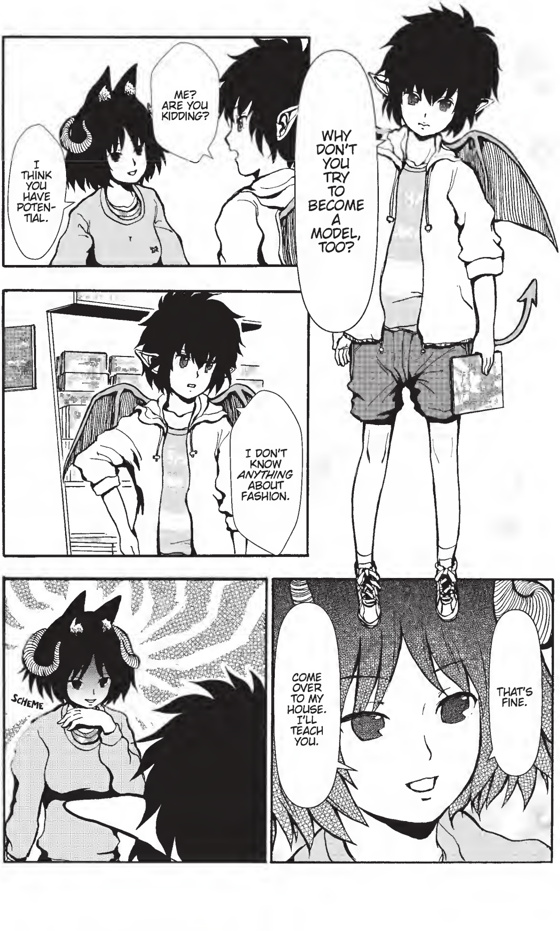
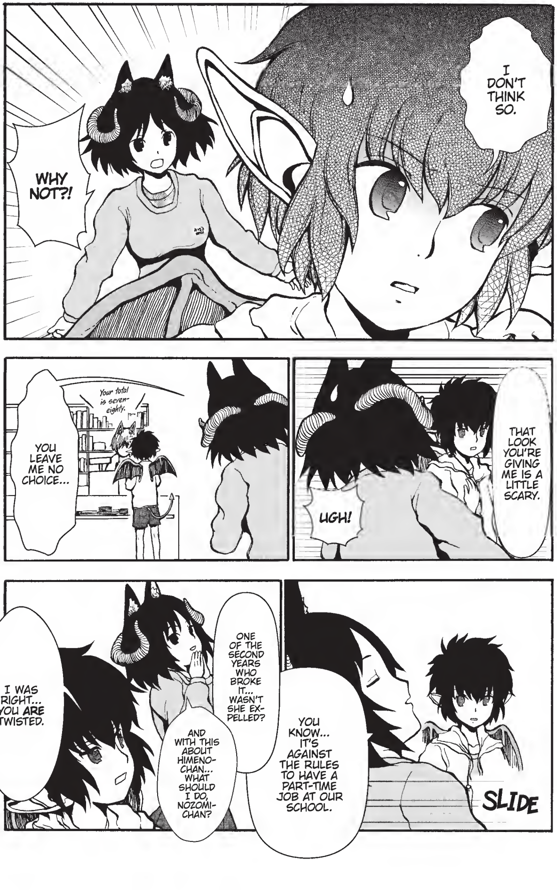
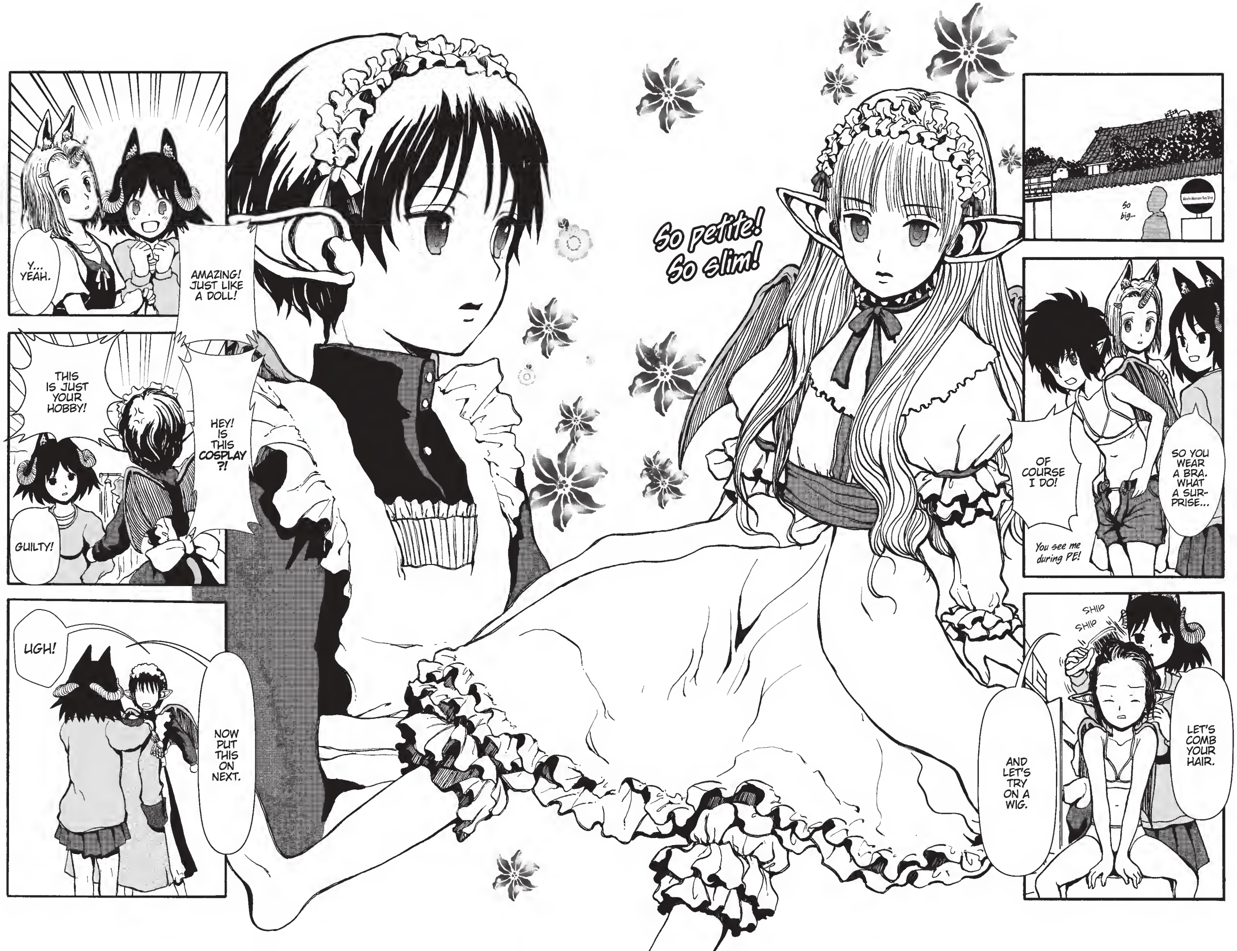
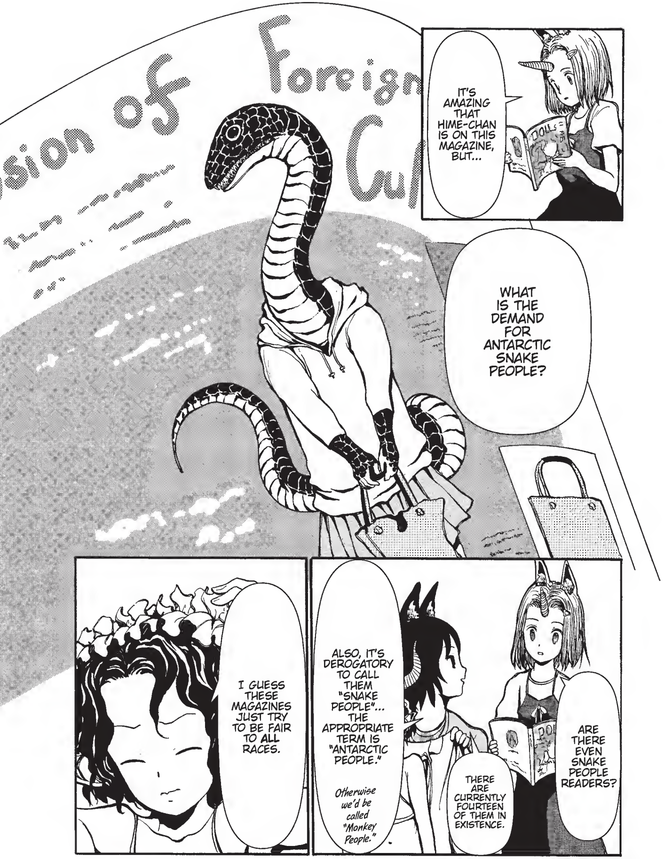
HM?
DOESN'T IT LOOK **EXACTLY** LIKE HIME?!
HMM.
WOW... THAT COULD *REALLY* BE HER.
DOLL's

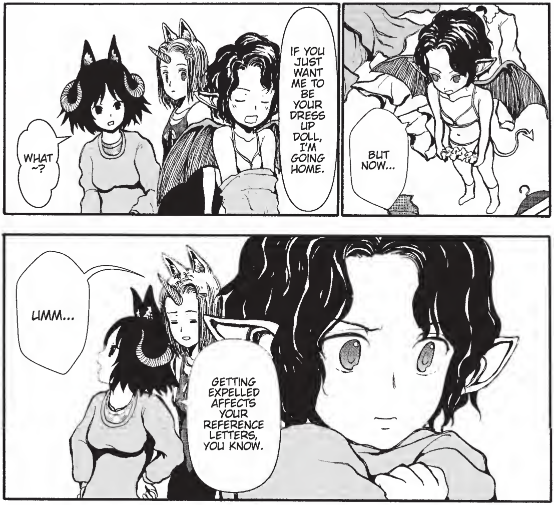

RIGHT?!
IF IT'S HER, THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING.
SUDDENLY ON THE FRONT COVER LIKE THAT.
IS IT REALLY?
OF COURSE IT IS.
There are a lot of new girls out there.
KIND OF A BUMMER FOR YOU, THOUGH.
WHAT? WHY?
HIMENO-CHAN WILL BE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD.
WELL, SHE'LL PROBABLY GET SUPER-BUSY NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? SHE'LL JUST BE A MODEL?
ALWAYS WORKING AFTER CLASS...
SHE WON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE, NOZOMI-CHAN.
POOR LONELY YOU.
SHUT UP.

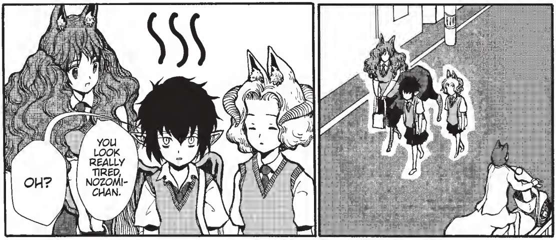

WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO BECOME A MODEL, TOO?
ME? ARE YOU KIDDING?
I THINK YOU HAVE POTENTIAL.
I DON'T KNOW *ANYTHING* ABOUT FASHION.
THAT'S FINE.
COME OVER TO MY HOUSE. I'LL TEACH YOU.
SCHEME

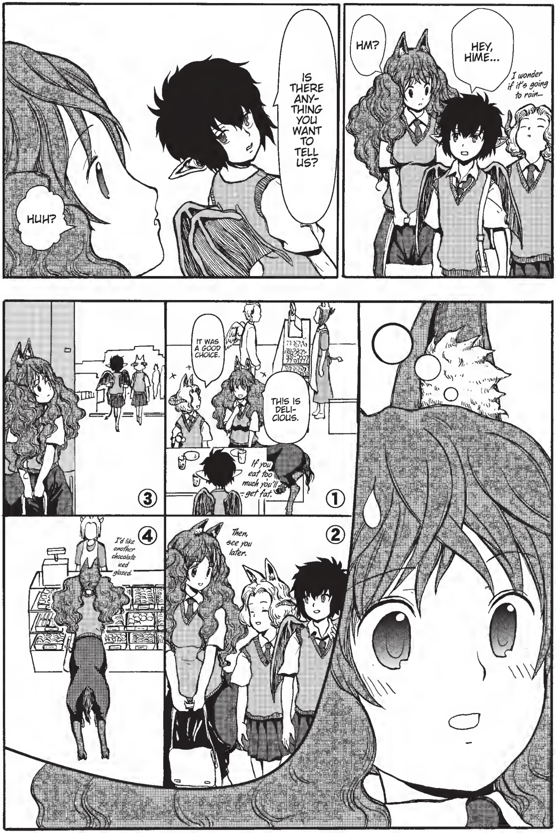

I DON'T THINK SO.
WHY NOT?!
THAT LOOK YOU'RE GIVING ME IS A LITTLE SCARY.
UGH!
Your total is seven-eighty.
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...
SLIDE
YOU KNOW... IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO HAVE A PART-TIME JOB AT OUR SCHOOL.
ONE OF THE SECOND YEARS WHO BROKE IT... WASN'T SHE EXPELLED?
AND WITH THIS ABOUT HIMENO-CHAN... WHAT SHOULD I DO, NOZOMI-CHAN?
I WAS RIGHT... YOU **ARE** TWISTED.

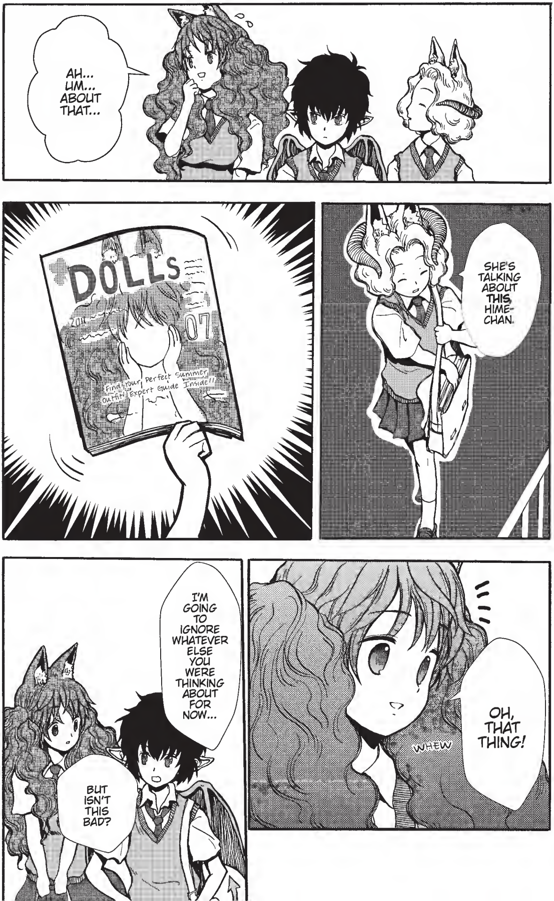

So big...
Akechi Mansion Bus Stop
So you wear a bra. What a surprise...
Of course I do!
You see me during PE!
Let's comb your hair.
SHIP
SHIP
And let's try on a wig.
So petite! So slim!
Amazing! Just like a doll!
Y... yeah.
Hey! Is this cosplay?!
This is just your hobby!
Guilty!
Now put this on next.
Ugh!


IT'S AMAZING THAT HIME-CHAN IS ON THIS MAGAZINE, BUT...
DOLLS
sion of Foreign Cu
WHAT IS THE DEMAND FOR ANTARCTIC SNAKE PEOPLE?
ARE THERE EVEN SNAKE PEOPLE READERS?
THERE ARE CURRENTLY FOURTEEN OF THEM IN EXISTENCE.
ALSO, IT'S DEROGATORY TO CALL THEM "SNAKE PEOPLE"... THE APPROPRIATE TERM IS "ANTARCTIC PEOPLE."
Otherwise we'd be called "Monkey People."
I GUESS THESE MAGAZINES JUST TRY TO BE FAIR TO ALL RACES.


BUT NOW...
IF YOU JUST WANT ME TO BE YOUR DRESS UP DOLL, I'M GOING HOME.
WHAT ~?
GETTING EXPELLED AFFECTS YOUR REFERENCE LETTERS, YOU KNOW.
UMM...


YOU LOOK REALLY TIRED, NOZOMI-CHAN.
OH?


HEY, HIME...
HM?
I wonder if it's going to rain...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TELL US?
HUH?
①
IT WAS A GOOD CHOICE.
THIS IS DELICIOUS.
If you eat too much you'll get fat.
②
Then, see you later.
③
④
I'd like another chocolate iced glazed.


AH... UM... ABOUT THAT...
SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THIS HIME-CHAN.
DOLLS
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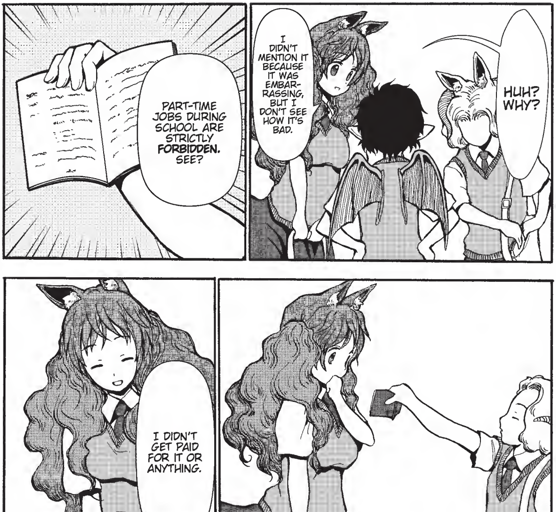
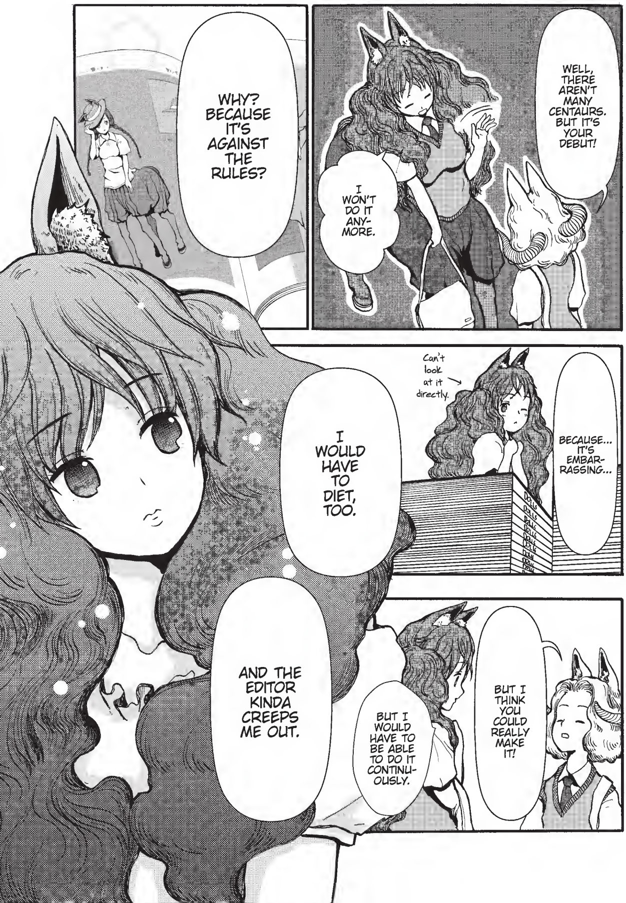
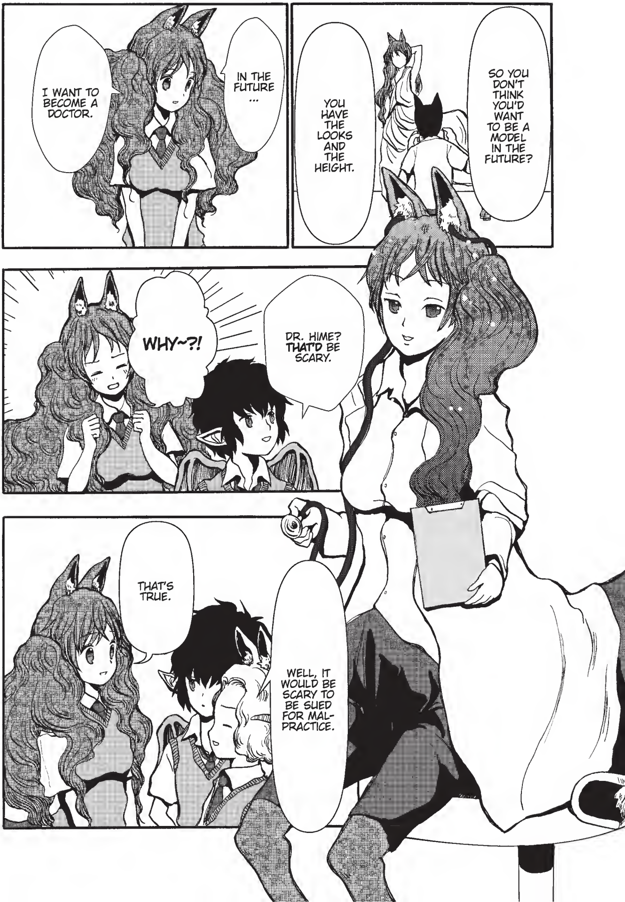
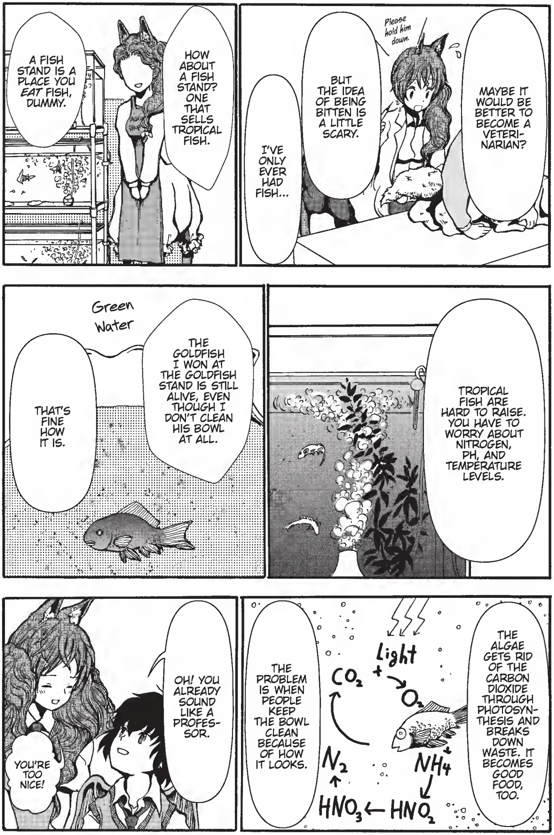
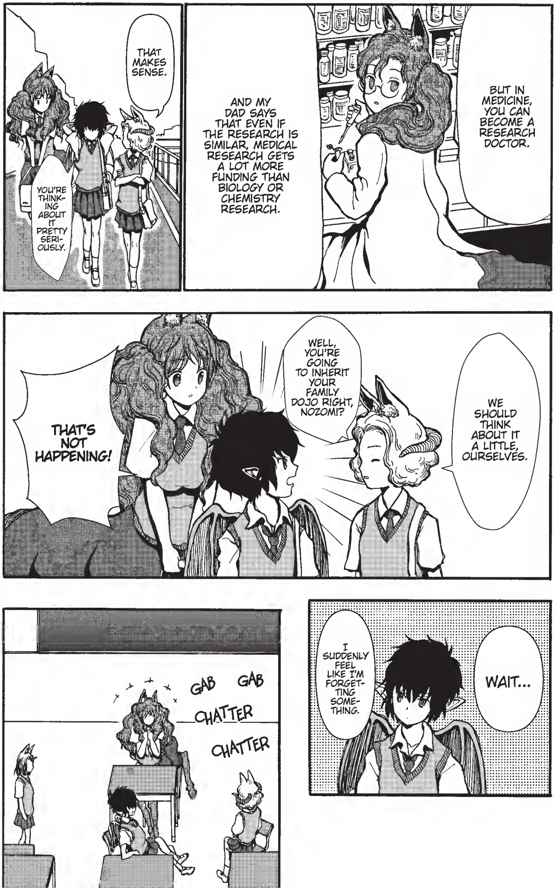
OH, THAT THING!
WHEW
I'M GOING TO IGNORE WHATEVER ELSE YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT FOR NOW...
BUT ISN'T THIS BAD?

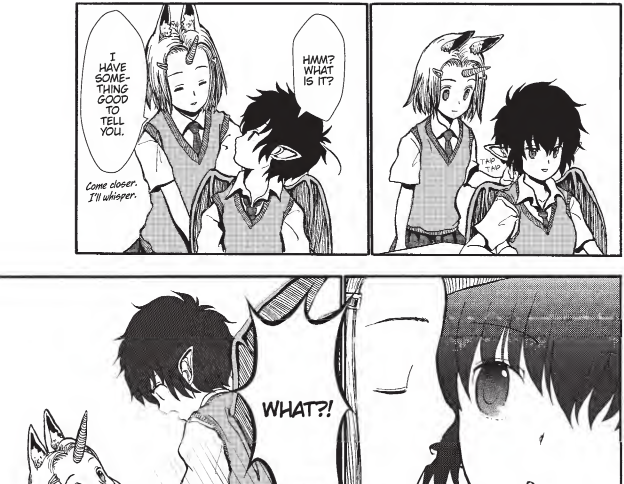

HUH? WHY?
I DIDN'T MENTION IT BECAUSE IT WAS EMBARRASSING, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW IT'S BAD.
PART-TIME JOBS DURING SCHOOL ARE STRICTLY **FORBIDDEN.** SEE?
I DIDN'T GET PAID FOR IT OR ANYTHING.
SO THEN IT'S OKAY?
OF COURSE NOT.
THE EDITOR OF THIS MAGAZINE IS A FRIEND OF MY MOTHER'S.
THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND A CENTAUR MODEL, SO SHE BEGGED MY MOM.

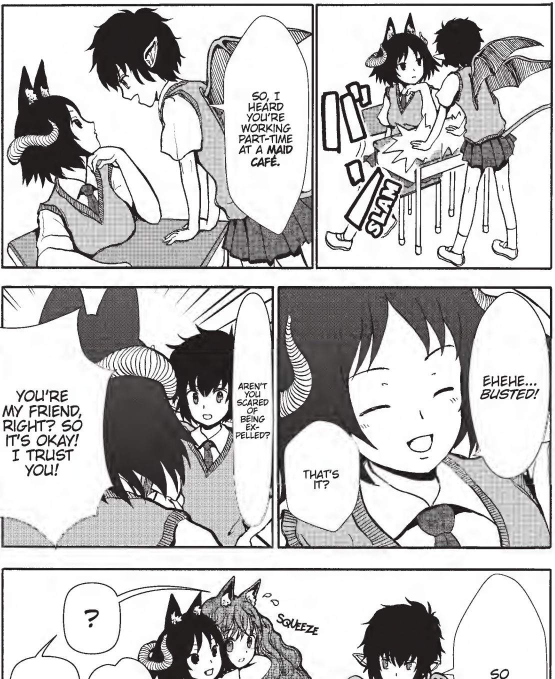

WELL, THERE AREN'T MANY CENTAURS. BUT IT'S YOUR DEBUT!
I WON'T DO IT ANYMORE.
WHY? BECAUSE IT'S AGAINST THE RULES?
BECAUSE... IT'S EMBARRASSING...
Can't look at it directly.
Dolls
I WOULD HAVE TO DIET, TOO.
BUT I THINK YOU COULD REALLY MAKE IT!
BUT I WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO IT CONTINUOUSLY.
AND THE EDITOR KINDA CREEPS ME OUT.


SO YOU DON'T THINK YOU'D WANT TO BE A MODEL IN THE FUTURE?
YOU HAVE THE LOOKS AND THE HEIGHT.
IN THE FUTURE ...
I WANT TO BECOME A DOCTOR.
DR. HIME? THAT'D BE SCARY.
WHY~?!
WELL, IT WOULD BE SCARY TO BE SUED FOR MALPRACTICE.
THAT'S TRUE.


MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
Please hold him down.
BUT THE IDEA OF BEING BITTEN IS A LITTLE SCARY.
I'VE ONLY EVER HAD FISH...
HOW ABOUT A FISH STAND? ONE THAT SELLS TROPICAL FISH.
AQUA SHOP
A FISH STAND IS A PLACE YOU *EAT* FISH, DUMMY.
TROPICAL FISH ARE HARD TO RAISE. YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT NITROGEN, PH, AND TEMPERATURE LEVELS.
Green Water
THE GOLDFISH I WON AT THE GOLDFISH STAND IS STILL ALIVE, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T CLEAN HIS BOWL AT ALL.
THAT'S FINE HOW IT IS.
THE ALGAE GETS RID OF THE CARBON DIOXIDE THROUGH PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND BREAKS DOWN WASTE. IT BECOMES GOOD FOOD, TOO.
Light
+
CO_2
O_2
NH_4^+
HNO_2
HNO_3
N_2
THE PROBLEM IS WHEN PEOPLE KEEP THE BOWL CLEAN BECAUSE OF HOW IT LOOKS.
OH! YOU ALREADY SOUND LIKE A PROFESSOR.
YOU'RE TOO NICE!


BUT IN MEDICINE, YOU CAN BECOME A RESEARCH DOCTOR.
AND MY DAD SAYS THAT EVEN IF THE RESEARCH IS SIMILAR, MEDICAL RESEARCH GETS A LOT MORE FUNDING THAN BIOLOGY OR CHEMISTRY RESEARCH.
THAT MAKES SENSE.
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT PRETTY SERIOUSLY.
WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE, OURSELVES.
WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO INHERIT YOUR FAMILY DOJO RIGHT, NOZOMI?
THAT'S NOT HAPPENING!
WAIT...
I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING.
GAB GAB
CHATTER
CHATTER


TAP TAP
HMM? WHAT IS IT?
I HAVE SOMETHING GOOD TO TELL YOU.
Come closer. I'll whisper.
WHAT?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH? OH, IT'S NOTHING!
THANK YOU, INUKAI-SAN.
You're a good person.
No problem.


SO, I HEARD YOU'RE WORKING PART-TIME AT A **MAID CAFÉ**.
バッ
SLAM
EHEHE... *BUSTED!*
THAT'S IT?
AREN'T YOU SCARED OF BEING EXPELLED?
YOU'RE MY FRIEND, RIGHT? SO IT'S OKAY! I TRUST YOU!
SO HIME ISN'T YOUR FRIEND?
OF COURSE SHE'S MY FRIEND!
SQUEEZE
?
?

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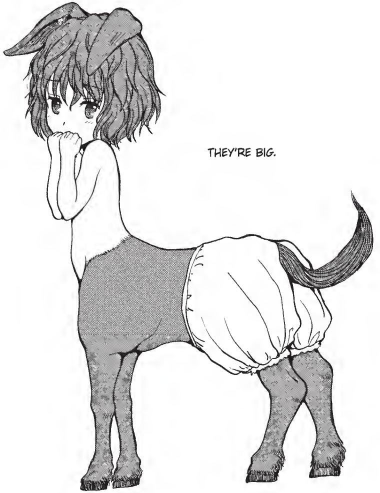
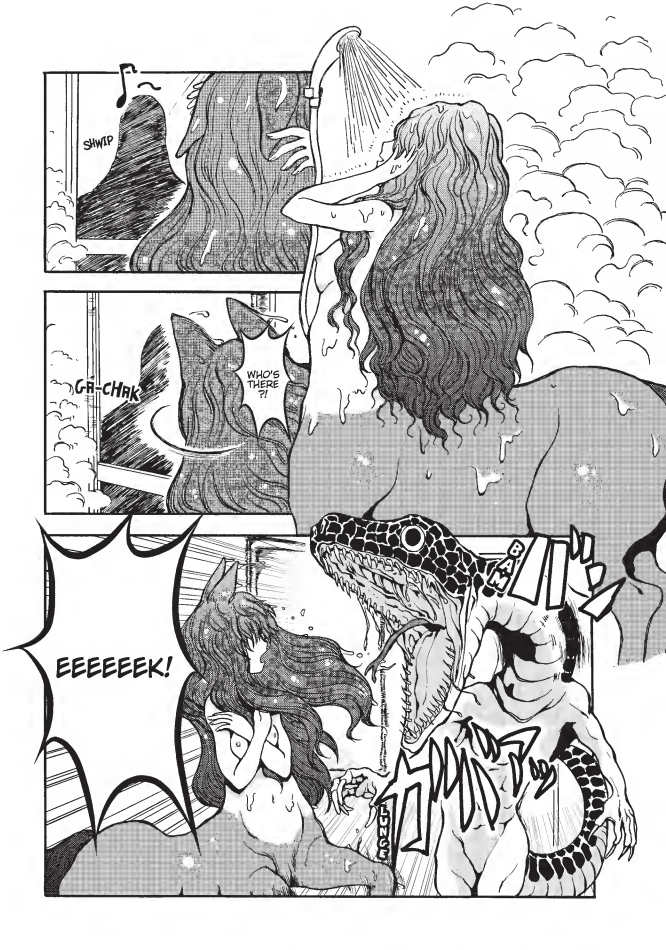
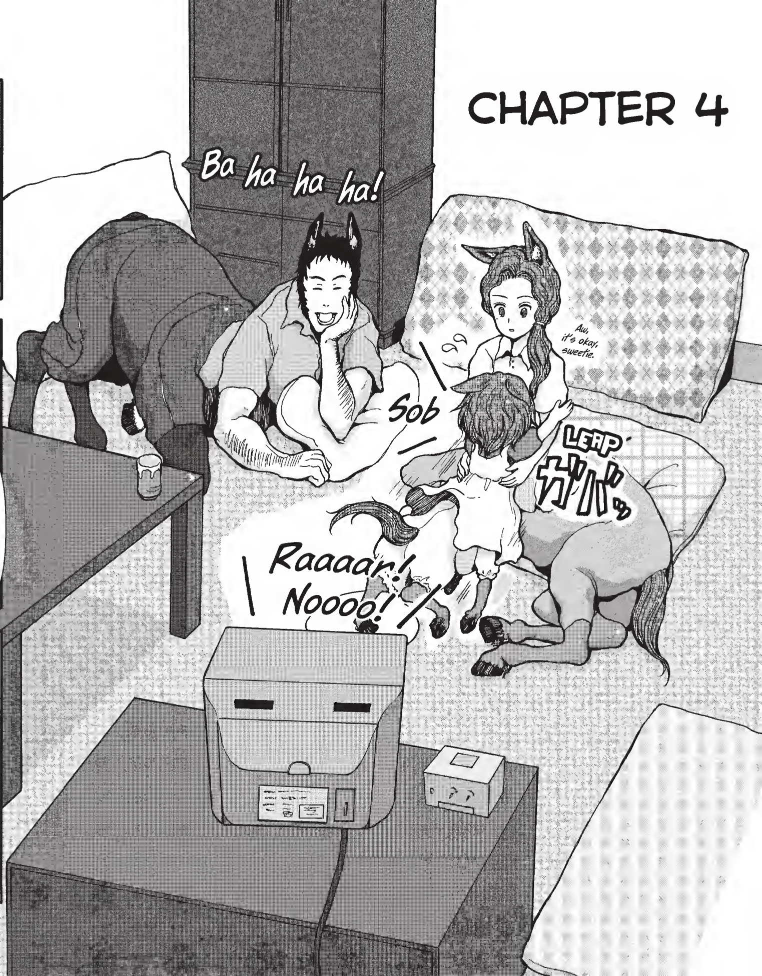
A CENTAUR'S UNDERGARMENTS

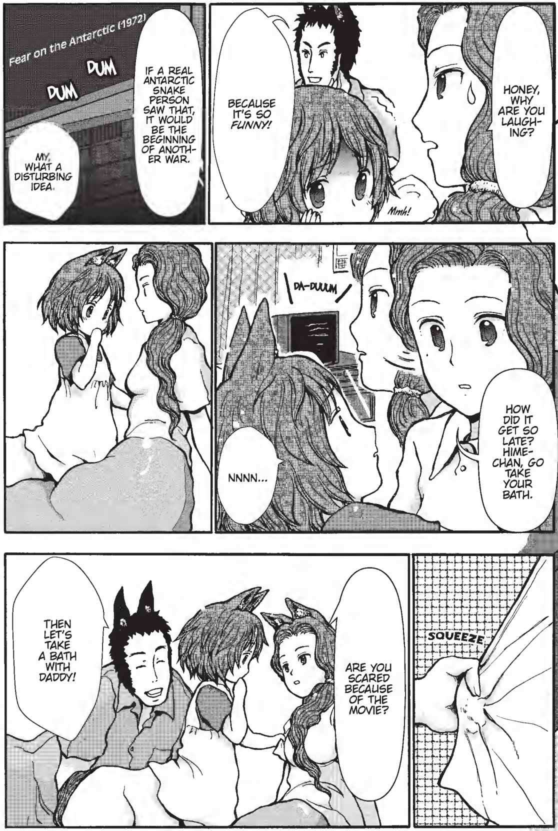


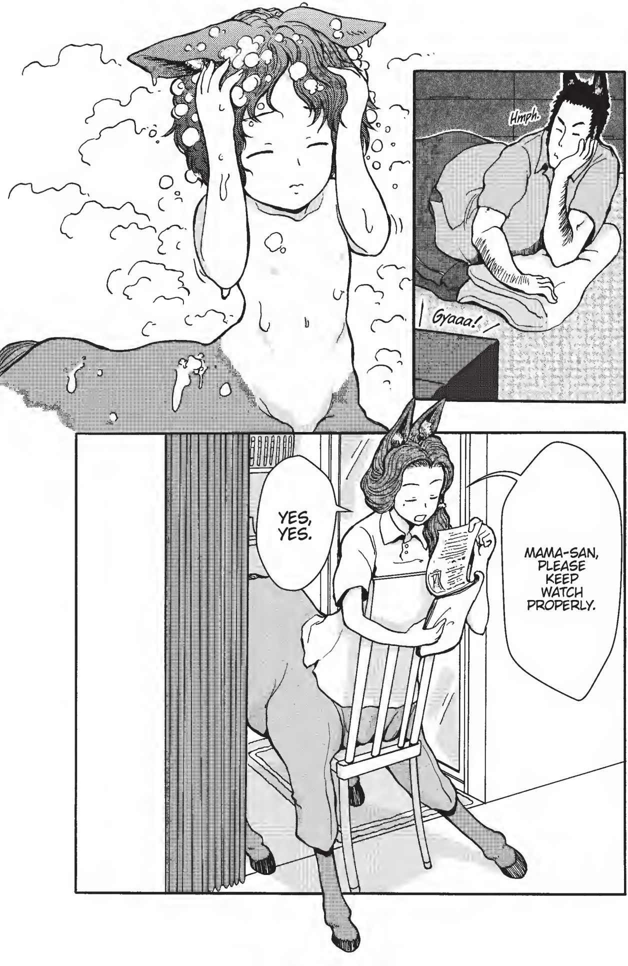
THEY'RE BIG.

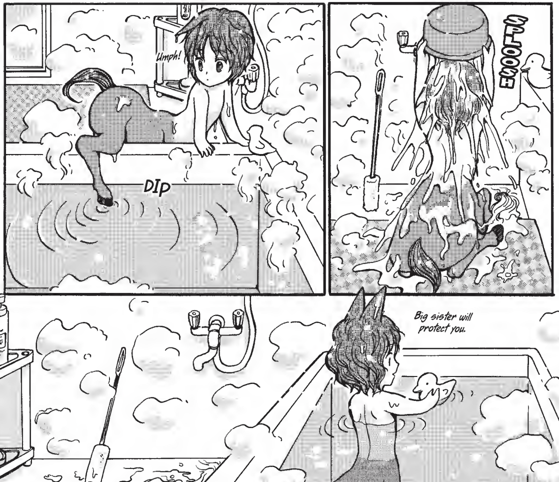

♪~
SHWIP
GA-CHAK
WHO'S THERE ?!
BAM
EEEEEEK!
LUNGE

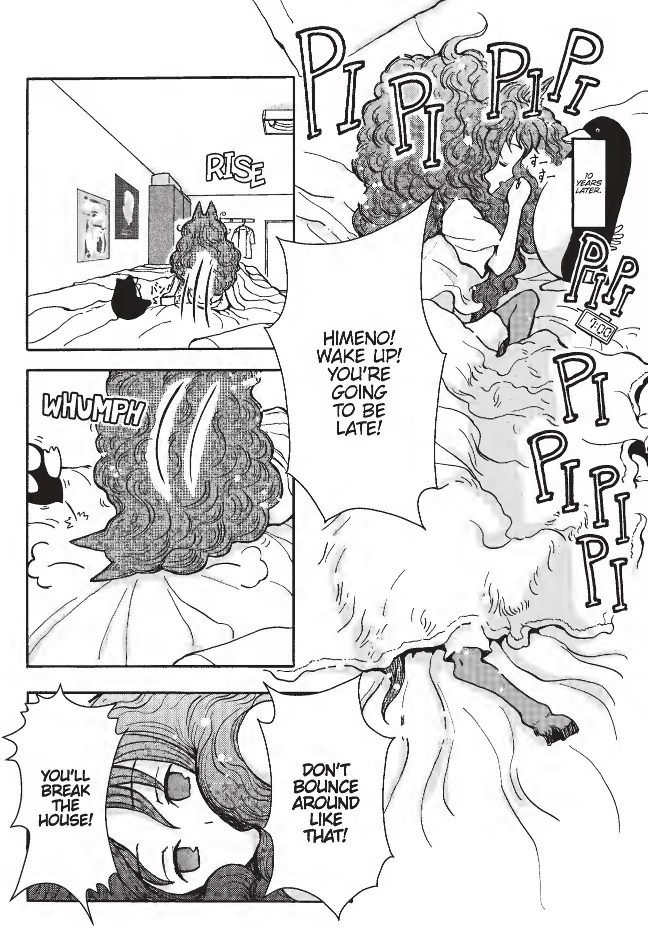
CHAPTER 4


Ba ha ha ha!
Au, it's okay, sweetie.
Sob
LEAP
ガバッ
Raaaar! Noooo!


HONEY, WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
BECAUSE IT'S SO *FUNNY!*
Mmh!
Fear on the Antarctic (1972)
DUM
DUM
IF A REAL ANTARCTIC SNAKE PERSON SAW THAT, IT WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER WAR.
MY, WHAT A DISTURBING IDEA.
DA-DUUUM
HOW DID IT GET SO LATE? HIME-CHAN, GO TAKE YOUR BATH.
NNNN...
SQUEEZE
ARE YOU SCARED BECAUSE OF THE MOVIE?
THEN LET'S TAKE A BATH WITH DADDY!


Hmph.
Gyaaa!
MAMA-SAN, PLEASE KEEP WATCH PROPERLY.
YES, YES.


SPLOOSH
Umph!
DIP
Big sister will protect you.
I GUESS SHE'S GROWN UP ENOUGH TO TAKE A BATH BY HERSELF NOW.
IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR TWO CENTAURS TO FIT IN *OUR* BATHTUB.
Eek!
WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT REMODELING SOON.
SPLATTER


PI PI PI PI PI
10 YEARS LATER.
すーすー
PI PI PI
7:00
PI
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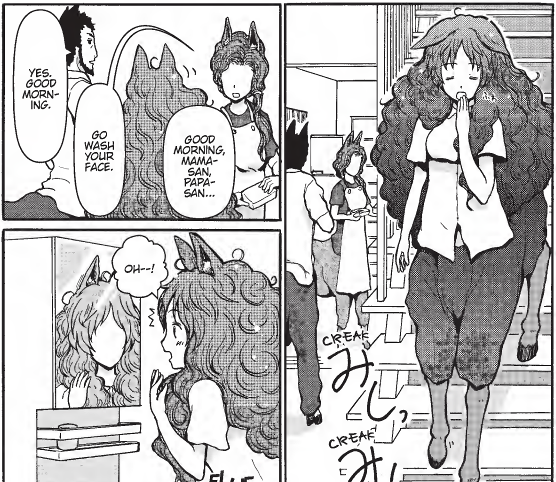
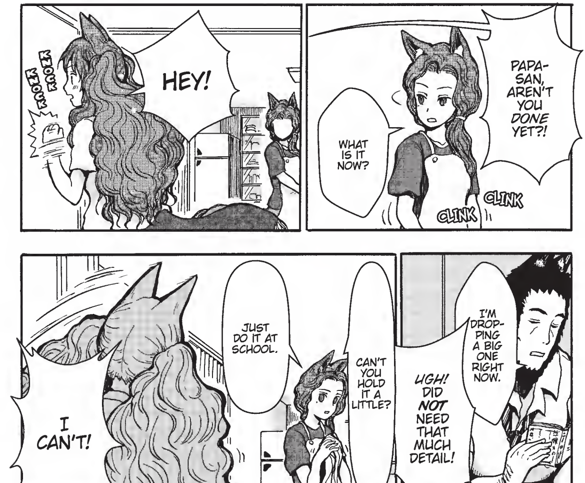
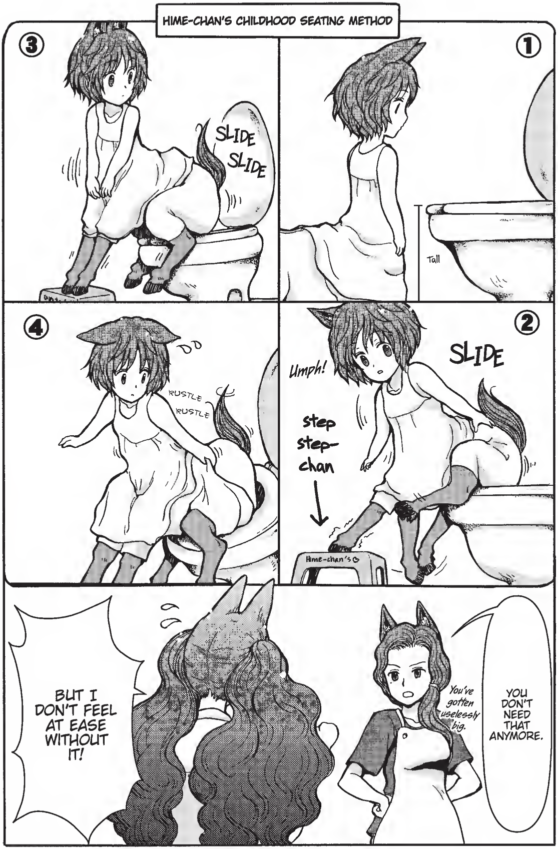
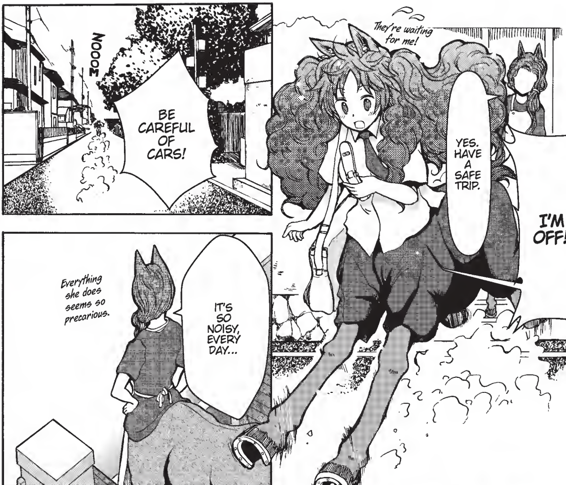
HIMENO! WAKE UP! YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE!
RISE
WHUMPH
DON'T BOUNCE AROUND LIKE THAT!
YOU'LL BREAK THE HOUSE!

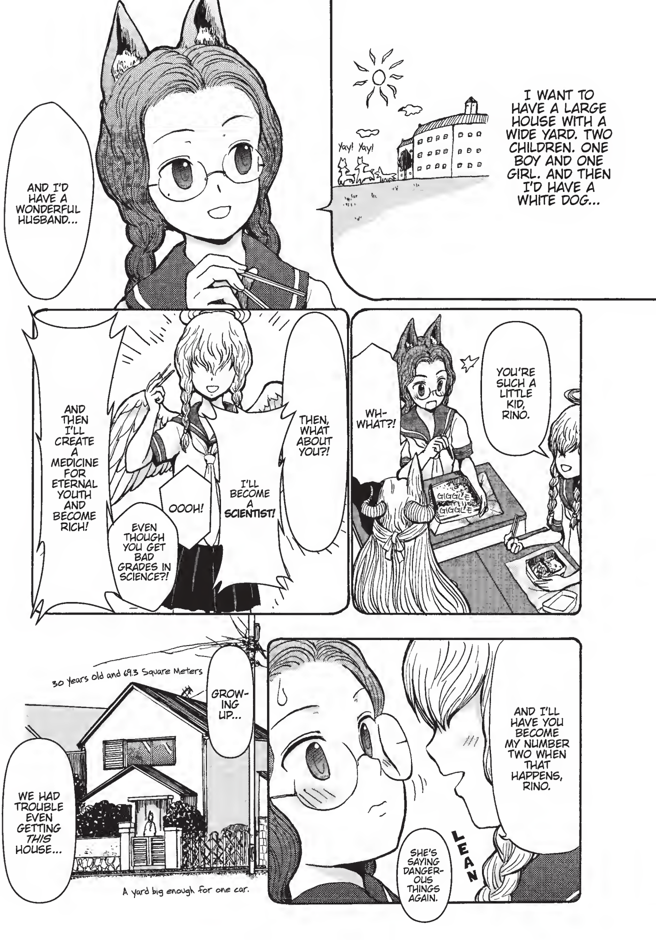

CREAK
みしっ
CREAK
みしっ
GOOD MORNING, MAMA-SAN, PAPA-SAN...
GO WASH YOUR FACE.
YES. GOOD MORNING.
OH--!
FLUFF
FLUFF
UNNH...!
SHIP
SHIP
HEY, AREN'T YOU FINISHED YET, HIMENO?
NOT YET!
HURRY UP!

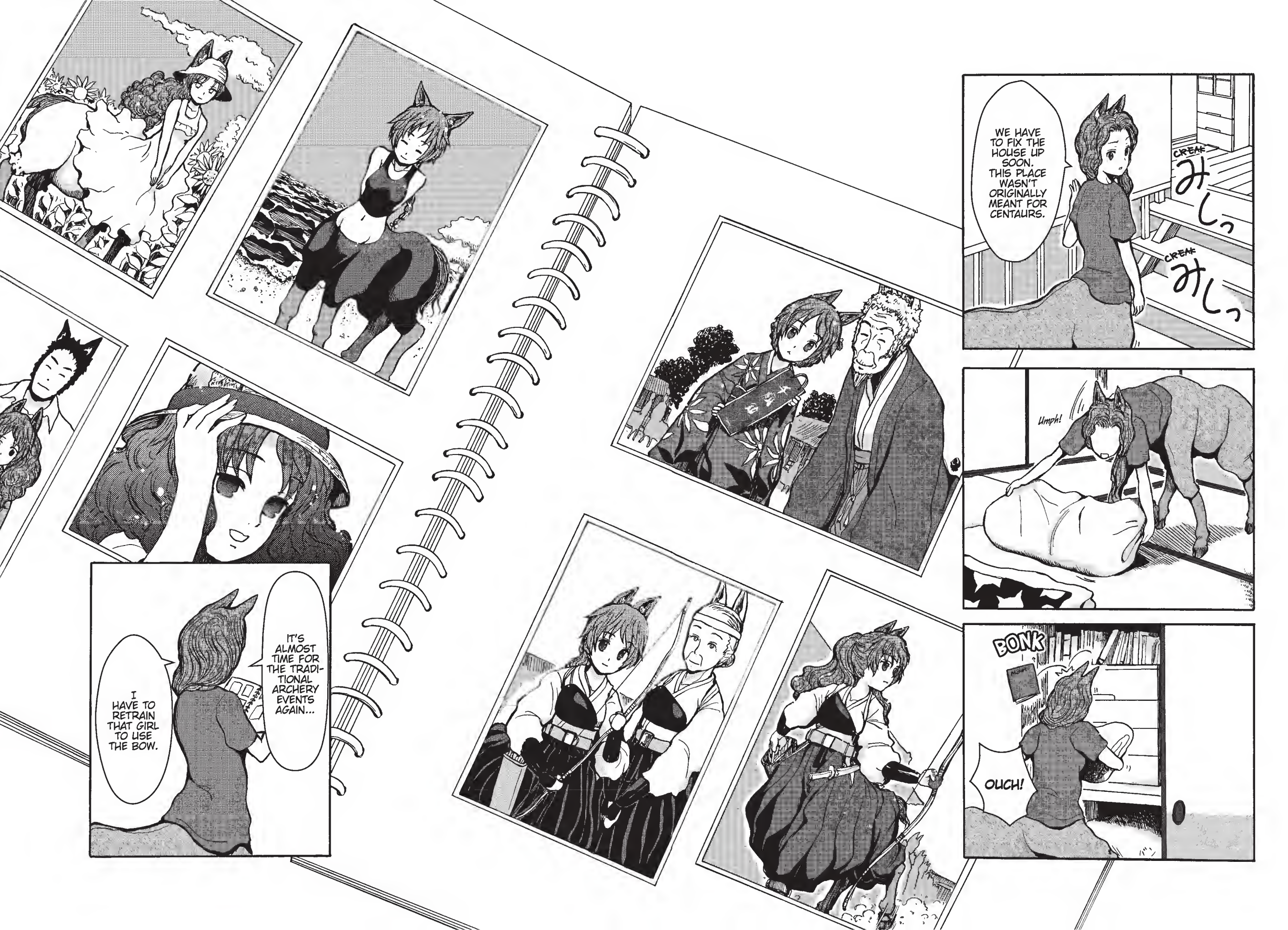

PAPA-SAN, AREN'T YOU *DONE* YET?!
WHAT IS IT NOW?
CLINK
CLINK
HEY!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
I'M DROPPING A BIG ONE RIGHT NOW.
UGH! DID ***NOT*** NEED THAT MUCH DETAIL!
CAN'T YOU HOLD IT A LITTLE?
JUST DO IT AT SCHOOL.
I CAN'T!
NOWADAYS, EVEN THE SCHOOLS...
ARE BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE ALL RACES, RIGHT?
Normal
For All Races
BUT IT'S STILL SMALL.
AND... THERE ISN'T A STEP STEP-CHAN.

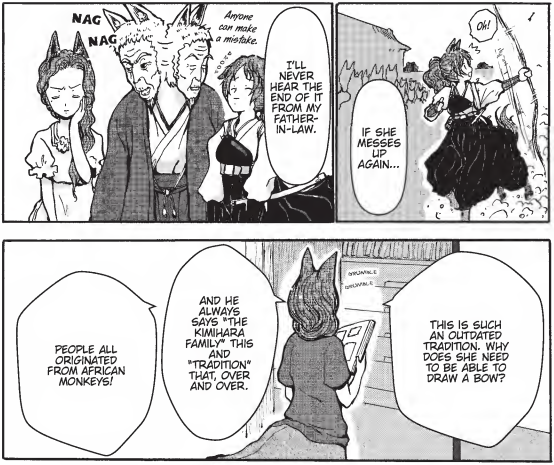
HIME-CHAN'S CHILDHOOD SEATING METHOD

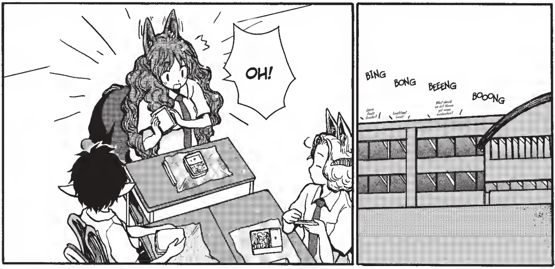

①
Tall
②
SLIDE
Umph!
step step-chan
Hime-chan's ♡
③
SLIDE SLIDE
④
RUSTLE RUSTLE
YOU DON'T NEED THAT ANYMORE.
You've gotten uselessly big.
BUT I DON'T FEEL AT EASE WITHOUT IT!

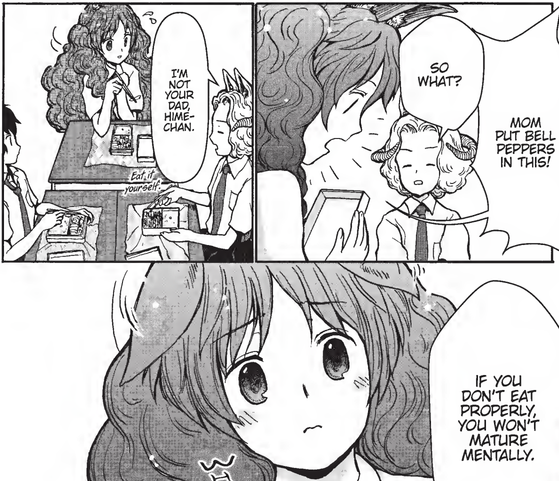

I'M OFF!
YES. HAVE A SAFE TRIP.
They're waiting for me!
ZOOOOM
BE CAREFUL OF CARS!
IT'S SO NOISY, EVERY DAY...
Everything she does seems so precarious.
HIMENO ISN'T MATURING AT ALL.
WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL...
WHAT, MY DREAM FOR THE FUTURE?
(Warning) Hime's Mama-san

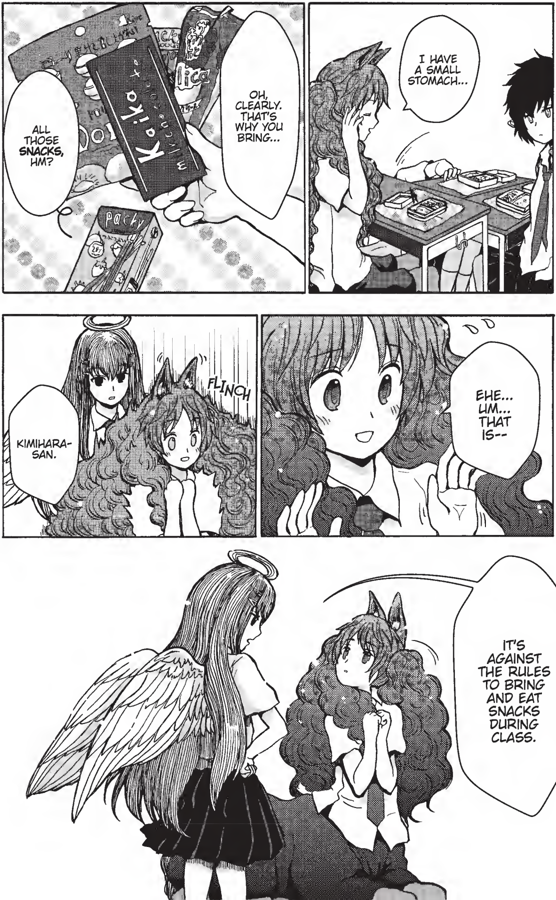

I WANT TO HAVE A LARGE HOUSE WITH A WIDE YARD. TWO CHILDREN. ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL. AND THEN I'D HAVE A WHITE DOG...
Yay! Yay!
AND I'D HAVE A WONDERFUL HUSBAND...
YOU'RE SUCH A LITTLE KID, RINO.
WH-WHAT?!
GIGGLE GIGGLE
THEN, WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
I'LL BECOME A **SCIENTIST!**
AND THEN I'LL CREATE A MEDICINE FOR ETERNAL YOUTH AND BECOME RICH!
OOOH!
EVEN THOUGH YOU GET BAD GRADES IN SCIENCE?!
AND I'LL HAVE YOU BECOME MY NUMBER TWO WHEN THAT HAPPENS, RINO.
LEAN
SHE'S SAYING DANGEROUS THINGS AGAIN.
GROWING UP...
30 Years old and 69.3 Square Meters
WE HAD TROUBLE EVEN GETTING *THIS* HOUSE...
A yard big enough for one car.

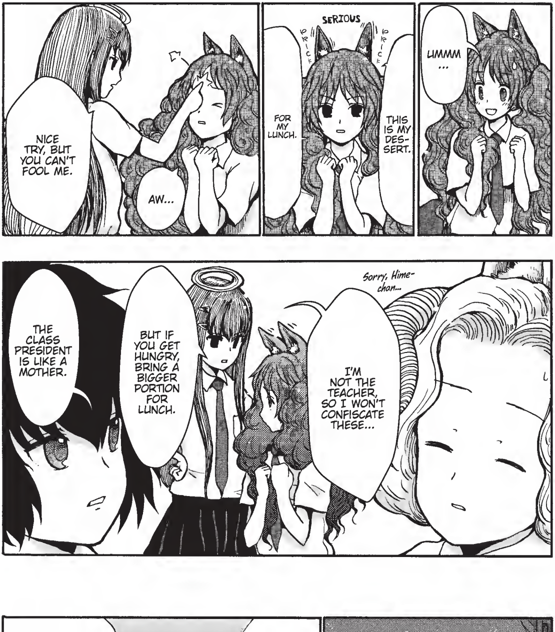

WE HAVE TO FIX THE HOUSE UP SOON. THIS PLACE WASN'T ORIGINALLY MEANT FOR CENTAURS.
CREAK
みしっ
CREAK
みしっ
Umph!
BONK
OUCH!
バン
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE TRADITIONAL ARCHERY EVENTS AGAIN...
I HAVE TO RETRAIN THAT GIRL TO USE THE BOW.

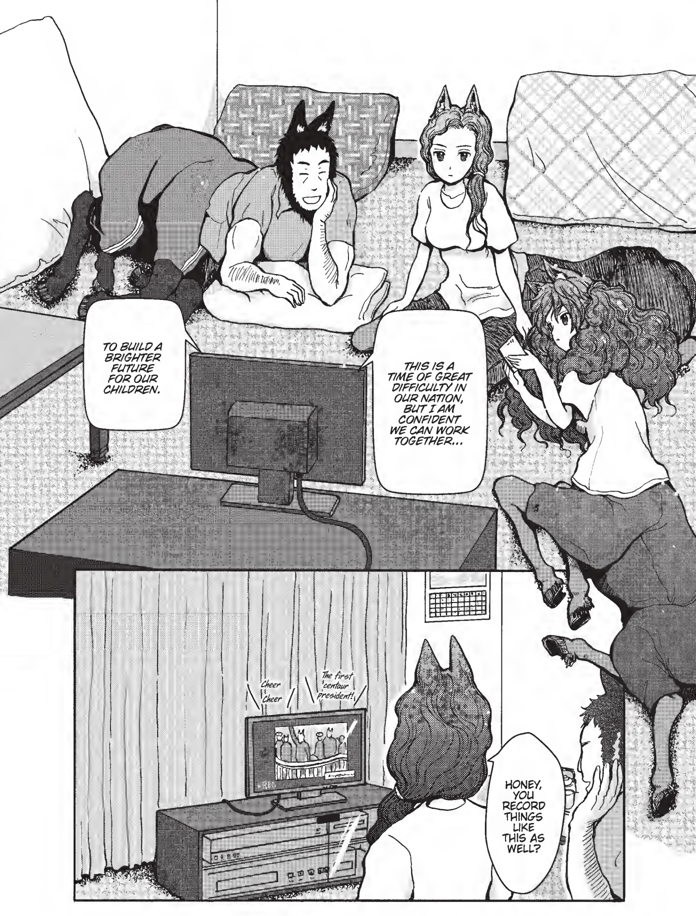

Oh!
IF SHE MESSES UP AGAIN...
I'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT FROM MY FATHER-IN-LAW.
Anyone can make a mistake.
NAG
NAG
THIS IS SUCH AN OUTDATED TRADITION. WHY DOES SHE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DRAW A BOW?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
AND HE ALWAYS SAYS "THE KIMIHARA FAMILY" THIS AND "TRADITION" THAT, OVER AND OVER.
PEOPLE ALL ORIGINATED FROM AFRICAN MONKEYS!

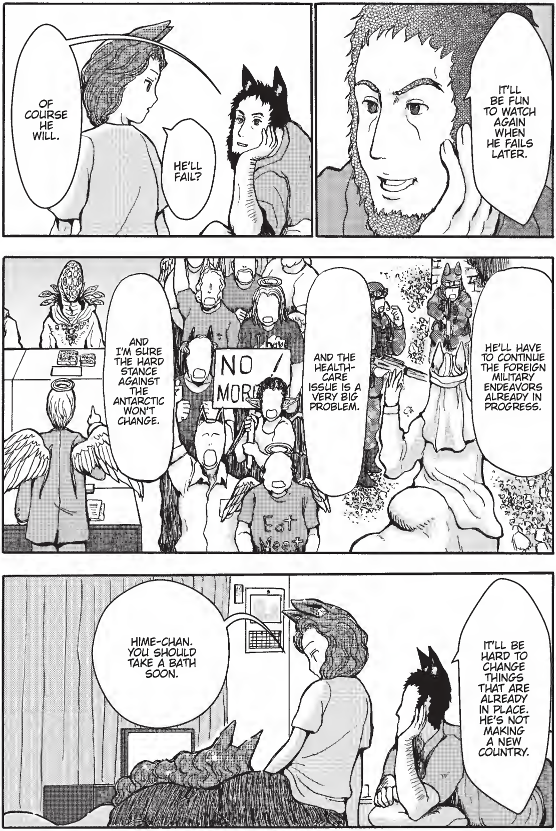

BING
BONG
BEEENG
BOOONG
Class finally finished!
Lunchtime! Lunch!
What should we do? Wanna get some sandwiches?
OH!

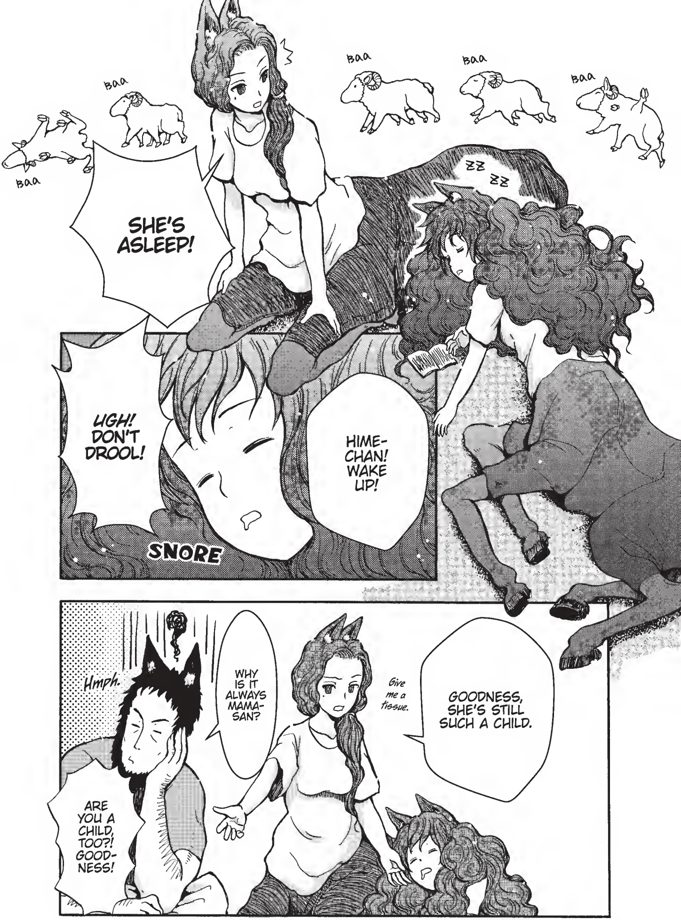

MOM PUT BELL PEPPERS IN THIS!
SO WHAT?
I'M NOT YOUR DAD, HIME-CHAN.
Eat it yourself.
IF YOU DON'T EAT PROPERLY, YOU WON'T MATURE MENTALLY.
WHIMPER
WHAT I'M WONDERING...
HOW IS THAT ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOU, WITH THAT BODY?
TINY


I HAVE A SMALL STOMACH...
OH, CLEARLY. THAT'S WHY YOU BRING...
ALL THOSE SNACKS, HM?
Kaika
packy
EHE... UM... THAT IS--
FLINCH
KIMIHARA-SAN.
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO BRING AND EAT SNACKS DURING CLASS.


UMMM...
SERIOUS
PRICK
PRICK
THIS IS MY DESSERT.
FOR MY LUNCH.
NICE TRY, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.
AW...
Sorry, Hime-chan...
I'M NOT THE TEACHER, SO I WON'T CONFISCATE THESE...
BUT IF YOU GET HUNGRY, BRING A BIGGER PORTION FOR LUNCH.
THE CLASS PRESIDENT IS LIKE A MOTHER.
THE TOP STORY IN WORLD NEWS TONIGHT IS THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULT...
WITH CENTAUR CANDIDATE PACOCCA HAVING BEEN CHOSEN AS THE 47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, PRESIDENT-ELECT PACOCCA VOWED--
Pacocca Wins Election
EHK


THIS IS A TIME OF GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OUR NATION, BUT I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER...
TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN.
The first centaur president!
Cheer Cheer
HONEY, YOU RECORD THINGS LIKE THIS AS WELL?


IT'LL BE FUN TO WATCH AGAIN WHEN HE FAILS LATER.
HE'LL FAIL?
OF COURSE HE WILL.
HE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE THE FOREIGN MILITARY ENDEAVORS ALREADY IN PROGRESS.
AND THE HEALTH-CARE ISSUE IS A VERY BIG PROBLEM.
NO ! MOR
Eat Meet
AND I'M SURE THE HARD STANCE AGAINST THE ANTARCTIC WON'T CHANGE.
IT'LL BE HARD TO CHANGE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. HE'S NOT MAKING A NEW COUNTRY.
HIME-CHAN. YOU SHOULD TAKE A BATH SOON.


Baa
Baa
Baa
Baa
Baa
ZZ ZZ
SHE'S ASLEEP!
HIME-CHAN! WAKE UP!
UGH! DON'T DROOL!
SNORE
GOODNESS, SHE'S STILL SUCH A CHILD.
Give me a tissue.
WHY IS IT ALWAYS MAMA-SAN?
Hmph.
ARE YOU A CHILD, TOO?! GOODNESS!

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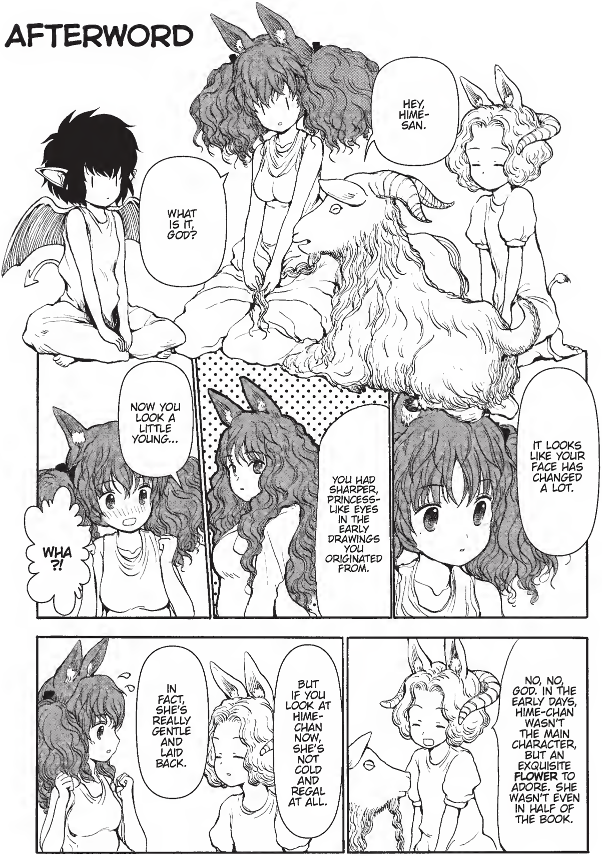
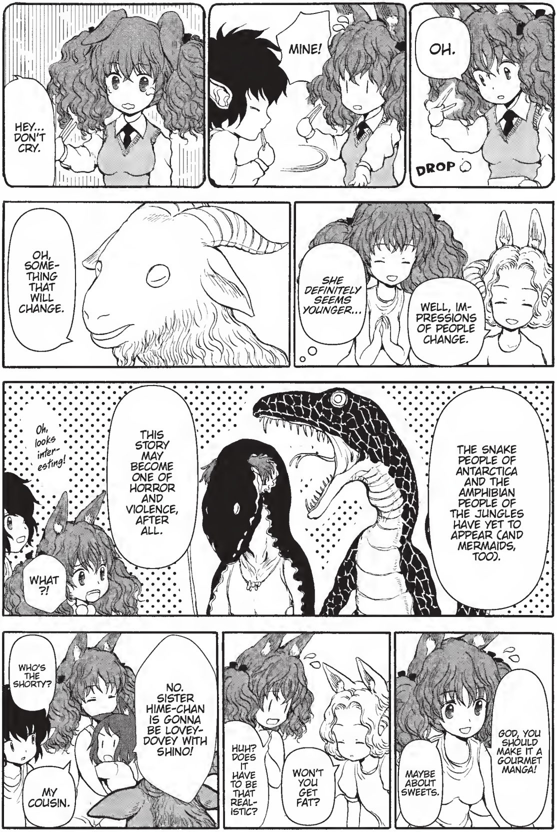
AFTERWORD


HEY, HIME-SAN.
WHAT IS IT, GOD?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FACE HAS CHANGED A LOT.
YOU HAD SHARPER, PRINCESS-LIKE EYES IN THE EARLY DRAWINGS YOU ORIGINATED FROM.
NOW YOU LOOK A LITTLE YOUNG...
WHA?!
NO, NO, GOD. IN THE EARLY DAYS, HIME-CHAN WASN'T THE MAIN CHARACTER, BUT AN EXQUISITE **FLOWER** TO ADORE. SHE WASN'T EVEN IN HALF OF THE BOOK.
BUT IF YOU LOOK AT HIME-CHAN NOW, SHE'S NOT COLD AND REGAL AT ALL.
IN FACT, SHE'S REALLY GENTLE AND LAID BACK.

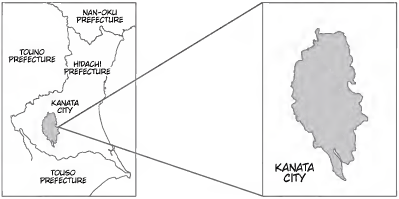

OH.
DROP
MINE!
HEY... DON'T CRY.
WELL, IMPRESSIONS OF PEOPLE CHANGE.
SHE DEFINITELY SEEMS YOUNGER...
OH, SOMETHING THAT WILL CHANGE.
THE SNAKE PEOPLE OF ANTARCTICA AND THE AMPHIBIAN PEOPLE OF THE JUNGLES HAVE YET TO APPEAR (AND MERMAIDS, TOO).
THIS STORY MAY BECOME ONE OF HORROR AND VIOLENCE, AFTER ALL.
WHAT?!
Oh, looks interesting!
GOD, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT A GOURMET MANGA!
MAYBE ABOUT SWEETS.
WON'T YOU GET FAT?
HUH? DOES IT HAVE TO BE THAT REALISTIC?
NO. SISTER HIME-CHAN IS GONNA BE LOVEY-DOVEY WITH SHINO!
WHO'S THE SHORTY?
MY COUSIN.

THEN, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME NEXT TIME AS WELL!

LEARN ABOUT OUR TOWN! KANATA CITY'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS KANATA CITY?

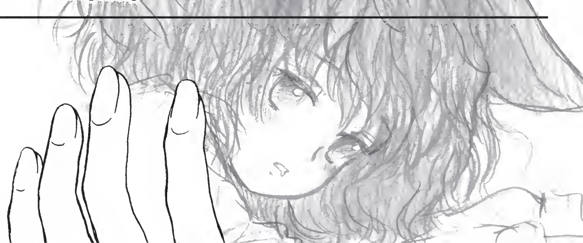
The place we live, Kanata City, is 72 km southeast of the capital in the flatlands of the Kanto region. We are positioned southwest in the Hidachi Prefecture. The city is 284.07 square meters and the main Sanzuse River runs through the center of the city and separates into the smaller Chino River Tributary. To the north is Mt. Akaba which is 887 meters tall.



THE START OF KANATA CITY

It is said that people began to inhabit Kanata over 30,000 years ago*. Its name appeared on record during the Kofun period of the 5th century.

The area around Kanata City is called Hidachi, which has become the name of the entire prefecture. There are two main theories as to the origin of the name Hidachi: one is that it derives from the kanji 火起ち, which means "the flames of war," and another from the kanji 火絶ち, which means "the extinguishing of human life." The fact that the ancient Yamato Kingdom used this strategically beneficial flatland region of Kanata as the frontline for many of its wars during the 5th and 6th centuries gives strong support to these two hypotheses. Since history is written by the victors (in this case, the Yamato clans), the lands beyond this strategic line were always considered to have been populated by barbaric savages (ie. the Ezo tribes.) As if to highlight this point, there are ancient regions that surround the city called Konata [此方], Akenuma no Saku [朱沼柵], Furukanata [古彼方], Imakanata [今彼方], and Ima no Hate [今彼方].



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The southern region bordered by the Sanzuse River (on the Yamato Kingdom side) is called Konata [此方] and means "this side," while the northern areas beyond the river are known as Kanata [彼方], or "that side." Akenuma no Saku [朱沼柵 (or Red Swamp Line)] is so named due to the red swamps that used to exist in this region. It is also known as the Akenuma Line because forts were built to ward off enemies on the north side. In later times, the Yamato clans continued to expand northward, and Kanata [彼方] became Furukanata [古彼方 (old Kanata)], and the new area was named Imakanata [今彼方 (present Kanata)], and the land beyond it Ima no Hate [今果 (the present end)]**.

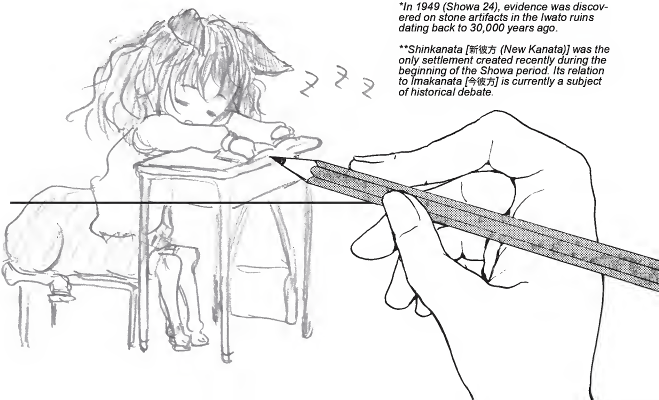
The arrival of Buddhism changed the world perspective of Kanata and intermingled with the old ways. The concept of life after death was introduced, and the Sanzuse River became the mythological river the dead must cross before entering the afterlife.

The land of Kanata is known for one other thing. Shu [朱 (crimson red)], in other words, red mercuric sulfide, which is used to create the red pigment known as vermillion, ran through the land. The aristocratic Akaike family mined this vein and used the resulting wealth to raise temples and further develop the land.

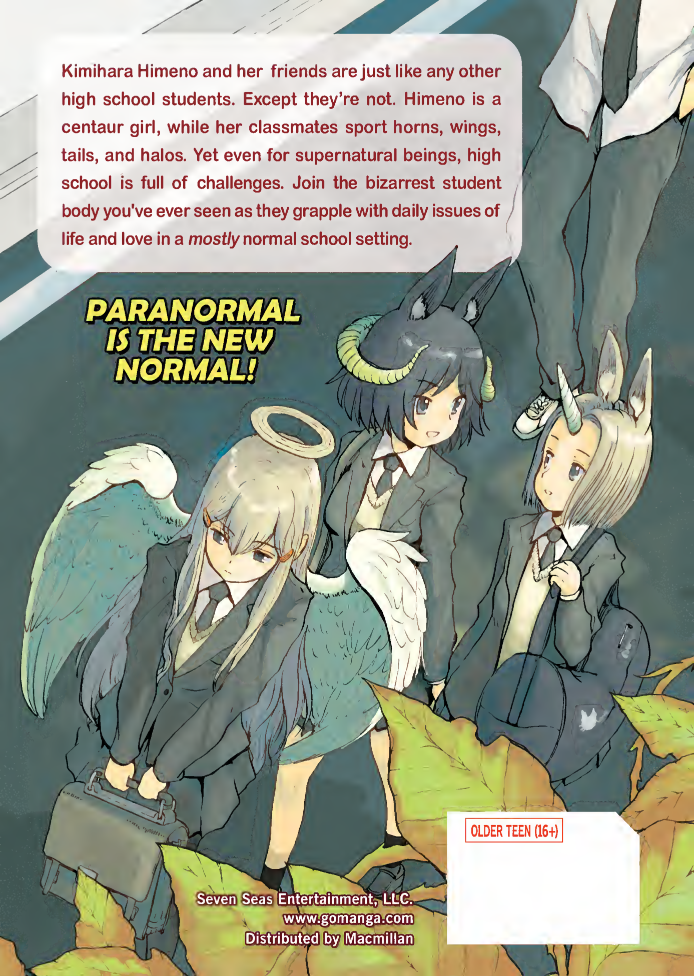
As stated above, the city of Kanata was sandwiched between the Yamato Kingdom and the northern indigenous Ezo people. Unfortunately, the lack of written records from the Ezo tribes makes it difficult to discern their cultural history. There are many theories regarding the true nature of the Ezo tribes, some that even go so far to suggest they were an ethnic group of angelfolk. Based on existing artifacts and the historical records of the Yamato Kingdom, the Ezo have been portrayed mainly as hunters and gatherers. One theory suggests that the Yamato Kingdom completely conquered the Ezo people. The current consensus is that the Ezo gradually and peacefully assimilated into Yamato culture.

**In 1949 (Showa 24), evidence was discovered on stone artifacts in the Iwato ruins dating back to 30,000 years ago.*

***Shinkanata [新彼方 (New Kanata)] was the only settlement created recently during the beginning of the Showa period. Its relation to Imakanata [今彼方] is currently a subject of historical debate.*



A Centaur's Life



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